

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LAYING OF RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any requests from the State Government of Maharashtra for laying of new railway lines, gauge conversion and doubling of lines in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to provide adequate funds for on-going works and accord approval for new railway projects in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Proposals from State Governments or various public representatives and other organizations for construction of railway projects are received at Divisional Offices, Zonal Offices and in the Ministry from time to time. As receipt of such proposals is a continuous and dynamic process, compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, 5 new line, 4 gauge conversion and 11 doubling projects falling partly or fully in the State of Maharashtra have been taken up.

(c): Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds to execute them. As such, it is not possible to provide adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis and to sanction new projects.