

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways have announced laying of new rail lines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/Zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have any plans to lay a new rail line between Madurai to Karaikkudi via Melur in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Laying of new railway lines are included regularly in Railway Budgets. Zone /State-wise details of new rail lines included in Railway Budget during the last three years are appended. However, no new railway line has been included in Railway Budget during the current year.
- (c) to (e): Survey for laying new line between Madurai-Karaikkudi was sanctioned in 2013-14 and the same has been taken up.
- (f): No time frame for sanctioning this project can be given at this stage