

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2644  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

**NEW RAIL LINE BETWEEN KANDLA AND BARMER**

**†2644. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a new roadmap for the development of railway infrastructure with the help of States in order to expand passenger facilities at distant places in the country including Rajasthan;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lay a new railway line between Kandla and Barmer via Sanchore to ensure railway connectivity in border area of Jalore district under the said project; and**
- (d) if so, the ratio of participation between the State Government and the Railways?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State Governments, through incorporation of State Joint Venture (JV) Companies have been empowered to plan Railway Infrastructure in their State to serve their core sector industries, ports, mines and industrial corridors etc. which cannot be taken up by Ministry of Railways at present at desired pace. JV agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed**

**with the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana. However, Government of Rajasthan is yet to agree to sign JV agreement with Ministry of Railways.**

**(c): There is already an existing Broad Gauge line between Bhabhar and Kandla. Further, Jaisalmer-Barmer-Bhabhar new line project has been sanctioned in “Capital Investment Programme 2016-17” proposed through Joint Venture/Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs)/Partnership with State Government and Stakeholders. “In Principle” approval for carrying out the feasibility study for this new line project by the Ministry of Shipping has been accorded. Ministry of Shipping has been requested to submit Terms of References (ToR) to General Manager, North Western Railway, Jaipur (Rajasthan) for their approval before feasibility study/survey is carried out.**

**(d): Ratio of participation between the State Government and the Railways is finalized at the time of signing of MoU.**

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