

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3087
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

KANNUR-MATTANUR AIRPORT RAIL LINE

3087. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to commence work on Kannur-Mattanur airport railway line; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project proposal?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): No project for Kannur-Mattanur new line is sanctioned. As such, there is no proposal to commence any work for this new line proposal.

Kannur-Mattanur new line proposal has been included in Capital Investment Programme 2016-17 with the proposal to take up the projects through Joint Ventures/Special Purpose Vehicle /Partnership with the State Governments & Stake Holders. In this regard, no proposal from Government of Kerala has been received.

Meanwhile, survey for this new line was also conducted during 2016-17. As per the survey report cost of construction of 23 Km long new line has been assessed as ₹312.99 crore with rate of return of (-) 7.786%. This proposal could not be taken forward due to unremunerative nature and low traffic potential of the proposed new line.
