

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 12.11.2010**

**ANSWERED ON**

**BILASPUR MANALI LEH RAIL LINE .**

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Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Bilaspur-Manali-Leh 497 rail link is proposed to be built at an estimated cost of Rs. 22,500 crores;
- (b) if so, whether the terrain profile and river over-bridges constraints being faced in J&K especially Katra-Banihal link, have been taken care of in this Project/Feasibility Report; and
- (c) in view of strategic importance of this rail link, will an all-out war-footing efforts be made to complete this gigantic work within six-to-eight years against proposed to 10 year construction time-frame?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

( SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) : Bilaspur-Manali-Leh rail line is not a sanctioned project.

(b) & ( c) : Do not arise.