

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1252
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

AJMER-SAWAI MADHOPUR NEW RAIL LINE PROJECT

1252 SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have received any proposal from Government of Rajasthan for the construction of Ajmer (Nasirabad) to Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) via Tonk railway line from its own resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Railways thereon ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Ajmer - Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) via Tonk (165 km) new line project was approved in 2014 on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Ministry of Railways and Government of Rajasthan, and land was to be provided free of cost by Rajasthan Government. Ministry of Railways requested Government of Rajasthan for providing the requisite funding and land. Government of Rajasthan has refused to share the cost of the project. Railway has conducted bankability study for the project. As per study, cost of the project was assessed as ₹2215.27 crore (with land) and ₹1823.13 crore (excluding land cost) in year 2021. As per bankability test, Rate of Return (RoR) of the project is (-) 7.85 % with land and (-) 7.08 % excluding land cost. Since Government of Rajasthan has refused sharing cost of the project, therefore the project is held up on this account.
