

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2039
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

CONSTRUCTION OF "BULB LINE"

2039 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a "bulb line" as an elevated corridor was proposed near Visakhapatnam railway station in 2016 or earlier by East Coast Railway zone to increase station capacity, details thereof;
- (b) envisaged advantages of the proposed bulb line, the details thereof;
- (c) estimated cost of the proposed bulb line;
- (d) reasons for not undertaking construction of the "bulb line";
- (e) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam Port Trust has refused to make land available for the construction of the bulb line, details thereof;
- (f) whether Railways has offered to pay for the land required from Visakhapatnam Port Trust; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): The construction of bulb line at Visakhapatnam station was envisaged by East Coast Railway zone to eliminate loco reversal and shunting including quick platform clearance, at an abstract cost of ₹ 85.28 crore. The project involves land of Visakhapatnam Port Trust. But, the Visakhapatnam Port Trust had expressed inability to spare land in view of Port expansion work. As such, the proposal was not taken forward.
