

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1104
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

ELECTRIFICATION OF KALKA-SHIMLA RAIL LINE

1104 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Heritage Impact Assessment report is being prepared by the Railways for the electrification of the Kalka-Shimla rail line in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said railway line has been included by UNESCO in the World Heritage Site of Mountain Railways of India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) study of electrification of Kalka-Shimla rail line has been completed in June, 2023. The HIA report mentions about the various impacts of proposed electrification.

(c) The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO has approved the extension of the Mountain Railways of India to include the Kalka-Shimla Railway on the World Heritage list in the year, 2008.
