

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2491
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PLAN FOR ALIBAUG TO PEN RAILWAY LINK

2491 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to develop a railway line to connect Alibaug to Pen Railway Station to enhance the convenience of local residents and tourists;
- (b) if so, the feasibility study, estimated budget and timeline of the project; and
- (c) if not, whether Government will consider studying the feasibility of this railway link in future to improve transport infrastructure in the region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

The survey for construction of new line from Alibaug to Pen (28 km) was completed, but due to low traffic projection, project could not be taken forward. However, there is an existing private railway siding of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers (RCF) from Pen to Thal (26.41 km) near Alibaug, which is not opened for passenger traffic. RCF has been approached by Railway to convey consent for running passenger train services on this Railway line. Consent from RCF is not received.
