

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3281**  
**ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025**

**STATUS OF ALIBAG RAILWAY LINE PROJECT**

3281 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has received No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) for construction of railway line Alibag;
- (b) if so, the details of the approved plan, including estimated budget and expected timeline for completion of the project; and
- (c) the steps taken by Railways so far to connect this railway line with Konkan Railway and Central Railway network and enhance connectivity 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.

Railway has requested RCF to convey consent for running passenger trains on this line. Such requests were made in 2019 and 2020. However, RCF has not yet given consent.

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