

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO SHIRDI

2382. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to improve rail connectivity in Nanded *via* Bidar to Shirdi in view of religious and historical importance of Shirdi;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a)to (c): Both Nanded and Bidar have rail connectivity with Shirdi via Rotegaon and Daund respectively. In order to provide an alternate shorter route from Bidar and Nanded to Shirdi via Latur Road-Parli-Vaijnath-Beed-Ahmednagar-Puntamba a new line project from Ahmednagar to Parli Vaijnath via Beed (261 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹2826 crore. An expenditure of ₹195 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹402 crore has been provided for 2016-17.
