

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016**

ROTEGAON-PUNTAMBA RAIL LINE

†2394. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether survey of Rotegaon-Puntamba railway line connecting Aurangabad with Tirupati and Shirdi has been completed;**
- (b) if so, the outcome of the survey; and**
- (c) the nature of works that have been done so far to start the construction work of above railway line?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Survey for Rotegaon to Puntamba (27 km) new line was completed in 2009-10. As per survey report, the cost of this line has been assessed as ₹97 crore with a negative Rate of Return of 5%. Due to its unremunerative nature, huge throwforward of ongoing projects, limited availability of funds for new lines and other competing priorities, this project could not be taken forward.

However, to reassess viability of the line, an updating survey has been taken up.
