

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

NEW RAIL LINES IN KERALA

1927. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has carried out any survey in Kerala for laying of new railway lines, gauge conversion of old lines and electrification, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the Government's plan for the current year for laying of new lines, gauge conversion and electrification in Kerala?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927 BY SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINES IN KERALA

(a): In Kerala, gauge conversion of the remaining meter gauge line is in advanced stage of completion and thus, there is no survey for gauge conversion in the State.

Details of surveys completed for new line in Kerala during the last years i.e. 2014-15 to 2016-17 and current year are as under:

S.No.	Name of project	Length (In Km)	Cost (in crore)	Rate of return (In %)	Status
1	Idapalli-Guruvayur	79	1363	(-) 10	Proposal not found feasible.
2	Kannur-Mattanur	23	313	(-) 8	Proposal not found feasible.

Ministry of Railways has prepared an Action Plan to electrify all Broad Gauge (BG) railway lines of Indian Railways including those in the State of Kerala by the year 2021-22.

(b): Current financial year is coming to an end and thus, no new line and gauge conversion projects are planned for inclusion in the Budget during 2017-18.

No routes have been planned for electrification during the current year 2017-18.
