

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

TELLICHERY-MYSORE RAILWAY LINE

1252. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether feasibility study of Tellichery-Mysore Railway Line has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), a Joint Venture Company of Government of Kerala and Ministry of Railways had submitted feasibility report for a new line from Thalassery to Piriapatna for consideration and requisite approvals. As per this report, total cost for construction of 180 Km long new line has been assessed as ₹ 5000 crore. It is observed that the proposed new line passes through the Western Ghats having fragile ecosystem and protected forest areas/sanctuaries. However, the report has been prepared without any survey on ground and there is no assessment of the impact of railway line in the forest zone. Local people are also agitating against the proposed alignment which passes through the State of Karnataka. Accordingly, KRDCL has been advised to sort out the issues of forest clearances and alignment with all the stake holders involved including Government of Karnataka and thereafter, update the report for appropriate consideration.
