

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

NEW RAIL LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

**3549. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new rail lines from Vaibhavwadi to Kolhapur and Chiplun to Karad in order to provide better connectivity;**
- (b) if so, whether the feasibility/ viability survey has been conducted for the above lines and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there is no progress so far in this regard and if so, the details and the reasons therefor along with the present status;**
- (d) whether the Government has received requests/ representations from the people of the area and MPs in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for construction of these new rail lines at the earliest so that the project may be executed within the stipulated time; and**
- (f) the details of the plan, if any, to connect Nagpur and Mumbai through a high speed corridor to reduce the travel time?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3549 BY SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT AND DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (c) and (e): Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur (107 km) new line was included in Budget 2016-17 at a cost of ₹2750 crore subject to requisite Government approvals. Government of Maharashtra has proposed for execution of this project through Indian Port Railway Corporation Ltd. (IPRCL), a PSU of Ministry of Shipping. IPRCL has been requested to give consent and mode of execution of this project.

Karad-Chiplun (112 km) new line was included in Budget 2015-16 at a cost of ₹1200 crore subject to requisite Government approvals. This new line has been proposed to be developed under SPV model on cost sharing basis subject to confirmation of Government of Maharashtra.

(d): Proposals/requests/representations from State Governments or various public representatives and other organizations for construction of railway projects are received at Divisional Offices, Zonal Offices and in the Ministry from time to time. As receipt of such proposals is a continuous and dynamic process, compendium of such proposals is not maintained. However, Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur and Karad-Chiplun new lines will be processed for approvals of NITI Aayog and CCEA once the decision of executing body is finalized.

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(f): A feasibility study has been carried out for a high speed corridor between Mumbai and Nagpur. No decision has been taken on sanction of the project.
