

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK

2391. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned for the expansion of Railways network in hilly States especially in Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to connect Paonta Sahib, the renowned religious place in Himachal Pradesh by rail; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391 BY SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways has taken up following new line projects in the hilly areas States including Himachal Pradesh:-

Sl. No.	Project	Length (in KM)	Latest anticipated cost (₹ in crore)
1.	Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri	63.1	6769
2.	Sivok-Rangpo	44.96	4085.69
3.	Murkongseek-Pasighat	26.15	661
4.	Bhairabi-Sairang	51.38	4968
5.	Jiribam-Imphal	110.63	13809
6.	Teteliya-Byrnihat	21.5	1532
7.	Dimapur-Kohima	82.50	3000
8.	Agartala-Sabroom	112	3374
9.	Byrnihat-Shillong	108.40	6000
10.	Una-Hamirpur*	50	3044.10
11.	Chandigarh-Baddi	33.23	1540
12.	Rishikesh-Karanprayag	125.09	16216
13.	Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Project (USBRL)	290	27946
14.	Nangal Dam - Talwara	112.9	2528.49

*** Project included in budget, subject to obtaining requisite clearances.**

(c) and (d): In process of connecting Paonta Sahib religious place in Himachal Pradesh, Railways has carried two surveys as per following details:-

(i) Survey for new B.G. line from Ghanoli to Dehradun via Baddi, Nalgarh, Jagadhari, Surajpur, Kala Amb, Paonta Sahib (216 km) was completed in the year 2011. As per survey report, the cost of proposed new B.G. line was assessed as ₹3746 crore with ROR of (-) 0.40 %. Project could not be taken forward due to low ROR, poor traffic and financial projections.

(ii) One more survey from Pehowa to Paonta Sahib via Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar was completed in the year 2013-14. As per survey report, cost of 145 km project is ₹1954 crore with (-) 3.90% ROR. Survey report has been taken up.
