

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1916
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

DEFUNCT RAILWAY TRACKS

1916. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified old and defunct Railway tracks in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Karnataka;**
- (c) whether the Railways have decided to restore such defunct railway tracks; and**
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof including the number of such tracks currently under restoration/to be restored?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 1916 BY DR. UMESH G. JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING DEFUNCT RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. As per survey conducted in March, 2015, there is no identified old and defunct railway line in Karnataka. However, the old and defunct railway tracks identified in the country State-wise are as under:-

SN	Name of line	Restoration proposed	State
1	Pulgaon-Arvi	No	Maharashtra
2	Jamalpur-Munger	Yes	Bihar
3	Ahmedpur-Katwa	Yes	West Bengal
4	Balgona-Katwa	Yes	West Bengal
5	Krishnanagar-Nabadwipghat	Yes	West Bengal
6	Hazratpur-Palasthalli	No	West Bengal
7	Gainsari-Jarwa	No	Uttar Pradesh
8	Izzatnagar-Shahmatganj	No	Uttar Pradesh
9	Mandhana Jn. - Brahmavert	Yes	Uttar Pradesh
10	Simulguri-Naganimora	No	Assam & Nagaland
11	Tirap-Lekhapani	No	Assam
12	Amguri-Tuli	No	Assam & Nagaland
13	Bhandara Ordinance Factory assisted siding	No	Maharashtra
14	Walajah Road-Ranipet	Yes	Tamil Nadu
15	Bhuj-Naliya	Yes	Gujarat
16	Ujjain-Fatehabad	Yes	Madhya Pradesh
17	Samni-Jambusar-Kavi	No	Gujarat
18	Dabhoi-Samalya	Yes	Gujarat
19	Samalya-Timba	Yes	Gujarat
20	Jhagadiya-Netrang	No	Gujarat
21	Chhuchhapura-Tankhala	No	Gujarat

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(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Railway has identified to restore the defunct railway tracks (9 lines out of 21 indicated above) and the work of restoration has been taken up; details of such lines is as given below:-

SN	Name of line	State	Present status
1	Jamalpur-Munger	Bihar	Work completed along with Munger Bridge and commissioned in March, 2016.
2	Ahmedpur-Katwa	West Bengal	Gauge Conversion work completed and commissioned in December, 2017.
3	Balgona-Katwa	West Bengal	Gauge Conversion work completed and commissioned in December, 2017.
4	Krishnanagar-Nabadwipghat	West Bengal	Gauge Conversion work completed by Railway in 2012-13. However, commissioning not done due to 41 un-authorized crossing and further work not feasible due to religious structures on alignment.
5	Mandhana Jn. - Brahmavert	Uttar Pradesh	Gauge Conversion work completed & section commissioned in February, 2019
6	Walajah Road-Ranipet	Tamil Nadu	Section part of Tindivanam-Walajah Road-Nagari new line project. Track linking of Walajah Raod-Ranipet completed.
7	Bhuj-Naliya	Gujarat	26 Km section from New Bhuj to Deshalpur converted into Broad Gauge.
8	Ujjain-Fatehabad	Madhya Pradesh	Gauge Conversion work has been taken up.
9	Dabhoi-Samalya	Gujarat	Gauge Conversion work in Miyagam-Dabhoi-Samlaya (79 km) has been taken up.
10	Samalya-Timba	Gujarat	Gauge Conversion work has been taken up.