

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

CONNECTING TOWNS BY RAILWAY LINES

1364. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for connecting towns with population more than 50,000 by railway lines, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard;**
- (c) if so, the details of the report so conducted and the agency which conducted the said survey;**
- (d) the names of towns identified by the Indian Railways for this purpose, State-wise; and**
- (e) the proposed date for completion of the works?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a)to(e). At present, there is no proposal for sanction for connectivity to towns with population more than 50,000 by railway lines.

Survey for new railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network is a continuous and ongoing process of Indian Railways and are done based on demands raised by State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Members of Parliament, other elected representatives, organizations/rail users and Railways' own operational requirements.

Based on Survey reports, projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.
