

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 89  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS IN LADAKH**

**\*89. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the construction of railway projects for UT of Ladakh, if so, the details and the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (b) the details of the railway projects in terms of route, funds, proposed connection at earlier stages, timeline etc. for connecting the UT of Ladakh?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 BY SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN LADAKH.**

**(a) and (b): The details of surveys undertaken in Ladakh area are as under:**

**Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line project**

**Survey of Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line project (489Km) has been completed and Detailed Project Report has been prepared.**

**The salient features of the project as per the Detailed Project Report are as under:-**

<b>1</b>	<b>Total Length of Alignment</b>	<b>489 km</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Gauge</b>	<b>Broad Gauge (1676 mm)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Number of Stations(Nos.)</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>State/Union Territory through which project alignment traverses</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Land Area Covered</b>	<b>2557.96 Hectare</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Total number of Tunnels(Nos.)</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Total length of tunnels</b>	<b>270 Km</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Important Bridges(Nos.)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Major Bridges(Nos.)</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Minor Bridges(Nos.)</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Road Over Bridge (Nos.)</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Road Under Bridge(Nos.)</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Total Length of Access Roads</b>	<b>156.512 Km</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Traction</b>	<b>Electric traction</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Signalling System</b>	<b>Electronic Interlocking</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Track Structure</b>	<b>Ballastless track</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of Project</b>	<b>Rs. 99,201.40 Cr</b>

**The alignment of New Line Bilaspur-Manali-Leh (489 km) line starts – off from Beri, passes through major towns of Sundernagar, Mandi, Manali, Sissu, Darcha Keylong, Sarchu, Pang, Rumtse, Upshi, Kharu and terminates at Leh Terminus, connecting important towns of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.**

**Srinagar-Kargil-Leh new line project**

**Survey of Srinagar-Kargil-Leh (480 km) new rail line was carried out in 2016-17. As per Survey report the anticipated cost of the project was ₹ 55,896 crores. However, due to low traffic projections, the project could not be taken forward.**

**Pathankot-Leh new line project**

**Survey of Pathankot-Leh (664 km) new rail line was carried out in 2017-18. As per Survey report the anticipated cost of the project was ₹ 70,308 crores. However, due to low traffic projections, the project could not be taken forward.**

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