

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2880  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

**RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO PAONTA SAHIB AND KALA AMB**

**†2880. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:**

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

- (a) whether Paonta Sahib and Kala Amb in Sirmaur district are important industrial areas;**
- (b) if so, whether the said areas are not connected by railway network which has been demanded for a long time;**
- (c) if so, the progress made in this regard by the Government; and**
- (d) the time by which the said areas are likely to be connected by railway network?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) : Survey for new line between Jagadhari and Paonta Sahib (62 Km) has been completed. Another survey from Ghanoli to Dehradun via Kala Amb & Paonta Sahib (216 Km) was carried out. However, as per survey reports, the projects have poor traffic projections, therefore, could not be taken forward.**

**The Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure 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 liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.**

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