

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2988
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

NEW RAILWAY LINES BESIDE PADDY FIELDS

2988. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to laying of new railway lines beside paddy fields, the nearby landscape level has been raised thereby obstructing movement of farm equipment/vehicle of poor farmers in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has issued any preventive measures in this regard and an advisory for providing an alternate route for the farmers by the concerned authorities has also been issued;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): For construction of new lines, Railway acquire only a small strip of land. Height of Railway embankment is finalised taking into account the topography of areas and Highest Flood Level (HFL) in the area etc.

Whenever New Line is laid by Railway, sufficient provisions in the form of Level Crossing, Subways, Road Under Bridges (RUB), Road Over Bridges (ROB), etc. is made depending on local demand, site conditions etc., to ensure farmers do not face difficulty in crossing the track including farming equipment/vehicle.
