

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

NEW RAILWAY LINE IN CHHATTISGARH

†675. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal has been received from the Chhattisgarh Government to construct new railway line from Baagbahra (Mahasamund) to Bargarh via Pithora-Basna-Saraipali-Sohela;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the reasons for not giving any consideration/ approval by the Government on the said proposals so far keeping in view the increased traffic as per the survey of 1962?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c) Survey for new railway line from Mahasamund to Bargarh via Pithora-Saraipali(180.12km) has been completed in 2016-17. As per the survey report, cost assessed was approx. ₹1904 crore with negative rate of return of 2.74%. The project being financially unviable, could not be taken forward. However, both Mahasamund and Bargarh stations are connected via Titlagarh. Also in the vicinity of the proposed alignment, the doubling works of Sambalpur-Bargarh-Titlagarh and Titlagarh-Mahasamund-Raipur have been taken up which can take care of additional traffic of the area.
