GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021

WASHIM-BADNERA RAIL ROUTE

†2729. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve the means of connectivity and provide facilities to the farmers in the extremely backward Washim district, which is notoriously known as the 'Cremation Ground' of the farmers in terms of cultivation, in Wanhad (Berar) province in Central India;
- (b) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to undertake the works of Washim-Badnera rail route;
- (c) whether the survey for the same was approved in the year 2015 but it has not been completed till 2020;
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay in completion of the said work; and
- (e) the time by which the said work is likely to be started and Washim district and erstwhile Marathwada district will be connected?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): Washim is already connected on Railway network. Washim Station is situated on Akola-Purna Railway Line.
- (b) and (c): Survey for Narkhed-Washim (Badnera-Washim) was sanctioned in the year 2016-17. Field Survey work has been completed.
- (d) and (e): Do not arise, as the project is not sanctioned.
