

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1777  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

**BARWADIH-CHIRIMIRI RAIL LINE**

**†1777. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether Barwadih-Chirimiri railway line project is proposed to be undertaken by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways has requested assistance from Coal India for the construction of the said railway line;**
- (c) if so, the response of Coal India in this regard;**
- (d) whether any joint venture has been formed or likely to be formed for the construction of the said railway line along with the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether any report/demand has been received from Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh State Governments for the construction of the said railway line along with the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1777 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH  
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**(a) to (c) Barwadih to Chirmiri (Ambikapur) new line project was included in Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite approvals. As advised by Planning Commission, State Government of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Coal India Ltd were requested to provide land free of cost and develop this project jointly. Neither State Government of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand nor Coal India Ltd responded. As such project could not be taken forward.**

**(d) and (e) Chhattisgarh Rail Corporation Ltd. (CRCL), a JV Company of State Government of Chhattisgarh (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%) has been incorporated to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects in the State of Chhattisgarh. CRCL has identified the project Barwadih-Ambikapur for feasibility studies so that it can be developed on debt equity mode. State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited(SECL) for investment in this project. Accordingly Ministry of Railways has also requested Ministry of Coal in November, 2021 for cost sharing in this project.**

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