

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1784
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

RAJPURA-CHANDIGARH RAILWAY LINE

1784. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of connectivity of Rajpura to Chandigarh by Railway line; and
(b) the estimated time period within which the said project is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) and (b): Rajpura is connected to Chandigarh by rail line via Ambala Cantt. railway station. However, for direct connectivity between Rajpura and Chandigarh (41.575 Km), a survey was done in 2014. As per survey report, the traffic projections were poor, as such it could not be taken forward.

Subsequently, Rajpura – Mohali New Line project (23.89 Km) was included in Budget 2016-17 subject to obtaining requisite approvals. Accordingly, Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared by Railway. As per DPR, the traffic projections were poor and the project was unremunerative. Therefore, State Government of Punjab has been requested vide letter dated 24.11.2016 and subsequently vide letters on 12.12.2017 & 01.01.2018 to form a Joint Venture company between Ministry of Railways and State Government for undertaking such railway projects or provide land free of cost and share 50% cost of the project. Government of Punjab has not given their consent.
