

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1948
ANSWERED ON - 02.08.2024

INDIAN PORT RAIL PROJECT

1948. SHRI LUMBA RAM:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) of the Government has conducted any survey to connect Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bhavtada via Sanchor to the Kandla Port situated in Arabian Sea via Rail Route to promote export-import business i.e. cargo transportation/transshipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the said project;
- (c) whether the IPRCL has submitted an important road map and suggestions to the Government of Rajasthan for processing and execution of the said project vide its letter dated 20 December, 2021; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government of Rajasthan in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) IPRCL has conducted feasibility study covering traffic report, financial report and engineering survey report for the proposed new rail connectivity from Jaisalmer to Bhabhar via Barmer with a proposed connection to Deendayal Port, Kandla via Palanpur, Gandhidham in January, 2018. In the Detailed Project Report, the estimated cost of the project was Rs. 2177.01 Cr. for diesel traction and Rs. 2555.71 Cr. for electric traction.

(c) & (d) IPRCL had submitted the copies of the Report to the Government of Rajasthan with a roadmap which includes Preparation of Detailed Report and its approval from Railways, on boarding of key stakeholders, formation of JV / SPV for implementation of the project and Project Execution (agreement between IPRCL and JV / SPVs for implementation). Due to high value rail project, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has requested Ministry of Railways to include the said project under the PM Gatishakti plan.
