GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 456 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

SURVEY OF BELAPUR-PARLI RAILWAY LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey of Belapur-Parli railway line in Maharashtra was conducted during British period and provision of fund was also made for its construction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds spent on the said construction work during British period;
- (c) whether the survey for the said railway line has been conducted after the independence of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for the delay in the construction of the said railway line?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 456 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025.

(a) to (e): Before Independence, no survey of Belapur - Parli Rail line in Maharashtra was carried out. However, a survey for Belapur - Shevgaon (80 Km) new Narrow Gauge line was conducted in early 1920s. The work was later abandoned in the year 1948. The details of fund allotment of that period are not available.

Belapur is already an existing station on Manmad – Belapur - Ahmednagar section. Belapur is already connected to Parli via Parbhani, Jalna and Manmad. To further improve the connectivity between Belapur and Parli, the following works have been sanctioned:

- (i) Ahmednagar Beed Parli Vaijnath new line (250 Km). So far, Ahmednagar – Beed section (169 Km) has been commissioned and the work on the balance section has been taken up. An allocation of ₹103 Crore has been made for the project during FY 2025-26.
- (ii) Doubling of Ahmednagar Belapur (67 km) section as part of Manmad - Ahmednagar – Daund doubling (247 Km) project has been taken up. So far doubling of about 48 km Between Belapur and Ahmednagar has been completed and the work of doubling in balance 19 km has been taken up. An allocation of ₹268 Crore has been made up for the project in FY 2025-26.

Further, a pre-feasibility survey for new line between Belapur – Shevgaon - Parli (241 Km) was completed in the year 2018. However, the project was not taken forward due to low traffic projections and already sanctioned Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli new line project.
