

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3074
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

SHOPIAN-PULWAMA RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

3074. SHRI AGA SYED RUHULLAH MEHDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the proposed/ongoing rail line project between Shopian and Pulwama in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is resulting in large-scale acquisition and damage to orchard land which constitutes the primary source of livelihood for local residents and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the total area of orchard land proposed to be acquired or already acquired for the Shopian–Pulwama rail line project;**
- (c) the number of orchard owners and families affected by the said acquisition;**
- (d) whether any assessment has been made regarding the impact of the said project on Environment/social/horticulture/livelihoods/local economy in the affected areas prior to finalising the alignment and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of the compensation and rehabilitation measures provided or proposed for orchard owners whose livelihoods are affected while pursuing infrastructure development; and**
- (f) whether the Government is exploring alternative routes or technical solutions including elevated or modified alignments to avoid further damage to productive orchard land and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): To extend rail connectivity in Pulwama district of Jammu & Kashmir, a survey for Avantipore (Kakapora) - Shopian (28 km) New line was taken up. However, the project is assessed to be infeasible and therefore it is dropped.
