

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

LINKING OF STATIONS

† 3297. Dr. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to link the world famous Jain pilgrimage centre (Parshvanath) Madhuban to Parasunath station to facilitate the movement of pilgrims;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (c): Railways had conducted a Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey (RETS) for New Line between Parasnath - Madhuban (14 km) in 2010. As per survey report the cost of the project was assessed as ₹129 crore with unremunerative rate of return. Due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects, limited availability of funds for new lines and competing priorities, this project could not be taken forward.

However, reassessment of the viability of the rail connectivity has been taken up.
