

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

RAIL LINK BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA

†*160. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a rail link through a bridge alongside the road proposed to be built between Dhanushkodi in the Southern part of the country and Talaimannar in Sri Lanka and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the present status of the action plan; and**
- (c) whether any pre-feasibility study of financing is being undertaken by the Asian Development Bank and if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 160 BY SHRI GOPAL SHETTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2015 REGARDING RAIL LINK BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA

(a) to (c): The proposal for an India-Sri Lanka Road cum rail link of 26 km. connecting Dhanushkodi in the Southern part of the country and Talaimannar in Sri Lanka, is in the conceptual stage and no time line can be set for sanction and commencement of work.

No pre-feasibility study has been undertaken by the Asian Development Bank(ADB) for the project.
