

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

RAILWAY LINE FROM YAMUNANAGAR TO CHANDIGARH

†1776. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has approved a railway line from Yamunanagar to Chandigarh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of this project;**
- (c) whether the Railways has made a provision of Rs. 25 crore for the said project in the year 2016-17;**
- (d) if so, whether the Railways and the State Government have consented about the sharing of expenditure of this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which the above project is likely to be started?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yamunanagar to Chandigarh New Line (91 km) project has been included in Railway Budget 2013-14 subject to necessary approvals and requisite government clearances at a cost of ₹876 Crores.

(c) Yes, Madam. An allocation of ₹25 Crores has been made in the current financial year therefor.

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(d) Yes, Madam. The State Government of Haryana has agreed to share 50% of the total cost of the project. The erstwhile Planning Commission was approached for “in principle approval” for this project on socio-economic consideration. However, Planning Commission required State Government to provide land free of cost in addition to sharing 50% of the construction cost. The proposal could not be taken forward as State Government did not respond to Ministry of Railways’ subsequent request to give land free in addition to 50% cost sharing.

(e) Since the project is not approved, it is not possible to fix timelines for its commencement.
