

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2767  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016**

**RAIL CONNECTIVITY IN HILLY AREAS**

**2767. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to connect hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand by rail network;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any study/survey has been done in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS OF (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2767 BY SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2016 REGARDING RAIL CONNECTIVITY IN HILLY AREAS.**

**(a) & (b): Himachal Pradesh is already connected to Uttarakhand via two railway routes viz. Shimla-Chandigarh-Ambala-Saharanpur-Roorkee-Dehradun & Simla-Chandigarh-Ambala-Delhi-Dehradun. To increase further connectivity between the two States, the following projects have already been taken up:**

<b>S.N o.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Year of inclusion in Budget</b>	<b>Latest Cost 2016-17 (Crore ₹)</b>
1.	<b>Chandigarh-Baddi (33.23 km)</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>1672</b>
2.	<b>Rishikesh-Karnprayag (125.09 km)</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>4295</b>

**(c) & (d): To provide further connectivity between the two States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the following surveys have also been taken up:**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Survey Name</b>	<b>Year of completion</b>	<b>Assessed Cost (Crore ₹)</b>	<b>Rate of Return (ROR)</b>
1.	<b>Ghanoli-Dehradun via Baddi, Nalagarh, Jagadhari, Surajpur, Kala Amb, Paonta Sahib (216 km) new line</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>3746</b>	<b>(-) 0.40%</b>
2.	<b>Chandigarh-Dehradun via Jagadhari (217 km) new line</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>(-) 17.03%</b>

**However, the projects of the aforesaid surveys could not be taken up considering the large throwforward of ongoing railway projects and overall limited resources of Railways.**

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