

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2875
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

OSMANABAD -TULJAPUR-SOLAPUR RAIL LINE

†2875. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are a number of districts in the country where transport facility is still not available despite the fact that the railway was introduced before independence in the country;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to lay a new rail line between Osmanabad-Tuljapur-Solapur;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct railway line to provide facility to people coming to the various places of pilgrimage in this area;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): New Railway line projects are not sanctioned district-wise or State-wise. Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

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(b) to (e): New line from Solapur to Osmanabad via Tuljapur (84.44 km) has been sanctioned in January, 2019 at a cost of `904.92 crore and work has been taken up. After completion of this line, railway travelling facility will be available to the public and pilgrims to Shri Tulja Bhawani Temple and other places of pilgrimage in this area.
