

**Private Members resolution moved by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Monga, Hon'ble MLC regarding railway link constructed upto Baramulla be extended up to Kupwara with a view to enhance the employment opportunities and connectivity of this backward area.**

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**Reply:-**

The extension of railway line from Baramulla to Kupwara is very important from the strategic as well as economic point of view.

Subsequent to the commissioning of Qazigund-Baramulla Railway Link, the State Government had requested the Government of India to extend the rail connectivity from Baramulla to Kupwara. Accordingly, the Northern Railways Construction Organisation has carried out a preliminary engineering cum traffic survey for the new line from Baramulla to Kupwara and submitted the report in October, 2010 to the Railway Board, Ministry of Railways.

The salient features of the survey are as under -

<b>Name</b>	<b>Section length (kms)</b>	<b>Cost of Project (Rs. in crore)</b>
Updating of survey report for new BG line from Baramulla to Kupwara	38.80	640.57

In response to the recent communication from the Ministry of Railways Government of India seeking views/suggestions of the State Government, for Rail Budget 2015-16, the State Government has again stressed upon the Ministry for the extension of rail link from Baramulla to Kupwara.

The Project has not been sanctioned as yet by the Ministry of Railways, Government of India.

The State Government shall again take up the matter at an appropriate forum for the early start of the project. Therefore, the Hon'ble Member is requested to withdraw the resolution.

  
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