

Private Members resolution moved by Mr Yashpal Sharma, Hon'ble MLC regarding extension of railway services to the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri for their better connectivity with the capital Cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

As per the available information, a preliminary engineering and traffic survey for a new Jammu to Rajouri-Poonch Railway line has been carried out by the Northern Railways Construction Organization and report submitted to the Railway Board, Ministry of Railways in September, 2008.

2. The salient feature of the survey is as under:-

Name	Section length (kms)	Cost of Project (Rs. in crore)
Updating of survey report for new line between Jammu and Poonch via Akhnour and Rajouri	234.12	7227.85

3. The State Government had at the time of preparation of Railway Budget, 2015 recommended to the Northern Railways for extension of railway services to the two districts of Poonch and Rajouri via Akhnour and its inclusion in the said budget.

4. The railway line from Jammu to Rajouri-Poonch is very essential from strategic and economic point of view. However, the project has not been sanctioned as yet by the Ministry of Railways, Government of India.

5. It is for the house to decide on the resolution moved by Hon'ble MLC.

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