GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 188
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM BHAGWANPUR TO KARPURIGRAM

188# SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for the new railway line from Bhagwanpur to Karpurigram via Mahua, as proposed by Government, has been completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that the survey report of this new railway line project has been submitted to the Railway Board by the survey team;

(c) if so, the total amount of funds expected to be spent on this project and the timeline fixed for its completion; and

(d) whether this new railway line project has been included in the General Budget for the current year by Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM BHAGWANPUR TO KARPURIGRAM

(a) and (b): Bhagwanpur is an existing station on Hajipur – Muzaffarpur double line section and Karpurigram is an existing station on Samastipur – Muzaffarpur double line section. Both are connected on Railway network via Muzaffarpur. Only Survey work for direct line from Bhagwanpur to Samastipur via Mahua, Karpurigram was proposed and the same has been completed.

Survey Report has been examined. As per survey report project was found financially unviable with Rate of Return (ROR) of (-) 3.1%. As adequate connectivity already exists and project is found to be financially unviable, it could not be taken forward.

As on 01.04.2020, 57 projects (35 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 17 doublings), costing ₹ 74,880 crore, covering a length of 5267 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages execution, out of which 1306 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹22,123 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

Since 2014-15, 17 projects of 1180 Km length costing ₹13,259 crore, falling fully/partly in Bihar, have been completed and commissioned and also, during this period 18 projects of 1,412 Km length costing ₹16,833 crore, falling fully/partly in Bihar, have been included in Budget.

Budget Allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in Bihar: Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar during 2014-19, has increased to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 170% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹4,489 crore was provided for financial year 2020-21 which is 297% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹5150 crore has been provided for these works which is 355% more with respect to average budget outlay of 2009-14.

Commissioning of Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in Bihar:

During 2014-19, 695 Km length of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned which is 119% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (318 Km). During 2019-20, 231 Km length of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling has been commissioned which is 261% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

(c): Does not arise as the project is not sanctioned.

(d): No, Sir.

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