

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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SAMASTIPUR-DARBHANGA RAILWAY TRACK DOUBLING PROJECT

589 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of railway track from Samastipur to Darbhanga has been going on for many years;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this doubling work is being done at a very slow pace;
- (c) whether this work could be completed within the time-frame set by Government; and
- (d) if not, the details of the initial time-frame of this project and by when it is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): The Samastipur-Darbhanga (38 km) doubling project was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹519 crore. So far, Darbhanga-Thalwara (9 Km) and Samastipur-Kisanpur (10 Km) section have been completed and commissioned. Work has been taken up in balance portion of the project.

Doubling between Kishanpur – Thalwara (19 Km) section involves re-building of 5 major bridges on a diversion of 13 km length of the section.

Completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project. As such, firm completion time of the project cannot be indicated at this stage.
