GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

2199 SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of various ongoing railway projects in Bihar;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner;

(c) whether Government of Bihar has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199 BY SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.08.2021 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 57 projects (35 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 17 doublings), of total length of 5267 Km costing ₹ 76,137 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1348 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹25,380 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. These include:

35 new lines projects covering a total length of 2,962 km, costing ₹53,773 crore, out of which, 497 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,710 crore has been incurred upto March'21.

5 gauge conversion projects covering a total length of 1,018 km, costing ₹6,188 crore, out of which, 780 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,516 crore has been incurred upto March'21.

17 doubling projects covering a total length of 1,287 km, costing ₹16176 crore, out of which, 71 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,154 crore has been incurred upto March'21.

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Bihar during 2014-19, has been enhanced 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 these projects 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 ₹5,150 crore has been provided for these works, which is 355% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 968 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 345 Km Gauge Conversion and 306 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned at an average rate of 138.29 Km/year, which is 117% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

State of Bihar is covered by East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zone of Indian Railways. The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in> Ministry of Railways> Railway Board > About Indian Railways> Railway Board Directorates> Finance (Budget)> Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(b): Railways have taken up various steps for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects which include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

(c): Government of Bihar has not proposed to bear cost of any ongoing railway project.

(d) and (e): do not arise.

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