

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3372
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

BHANUPALI - BILASPUR - BERI RAILWAY LINE

3372 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land acquisition process has been started for the construction of Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri railway line in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the area of land which would be acquired for the said railway line project; and
- (c) by when the work of the said railway line project is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri (63.10 km) new line project was approved by Cabinet Committee in Economic Affairs (CCEA) in Feb 2008 on cost sharing basis with Government of Himachal Pradesh. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹6753.42 crore. Total 272.4 Hectare land is required for the Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri new line project, out of which 222.7 Ha has been acquired.

(c) The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost by State Government in Cost sharing projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).
