

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2697
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS WITH BORDERING COUNTRIES OF INDIA

2697 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) details of ongoing railway projects with bordering countries of India;
- (b) cost of laying railway line between Raxaul and Kathmandu along with its length and the area of land to be acquired for the said purpose;
- (c) whether survey of the said project has been completed and the status of Detailed Project Report (DPR);
- (d) company assigned with the responsibility of carrying out said project;
- (e) the time when the project was approved between India and Nepal; and
- (f) extent of work of railway line between Agartala (Tripura) and Akhaura (Bangladesh) completed so far including estimated cost of said project and the amount spent so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2697 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS WITH BORDERING COUNTRIES OF INDIA

(a): As on 01.04.2023, 05 New Line projects with bordering countries of India, of total length of 125 km, costing ₹2,722 Crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 60 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,729 crore has been incurred upto March' 2023. The names of these projects are as follows:-

- (i) Balurghat-Hilli New Line;
- (ii) Jogbani-Biratnagar (Nepal) New Line ;
- (iii) Agartala-Akhaura (Bangladesh) New Line;
- (iv) Mahisasan (India) - Zero Point (Bangladesh) New Line;
- (v) Jaynagar-Bijalpura including extension from Bijalpura- Bardibas (Nepal).

(b) to (e): Final Location Survey (FLS) for Raxaul-Kathmandu New Line Project was completed by M/s Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL). As per Detailed Project Report (DPR), the total length of the proposed line is 140.79 km, having an estimated cost of ₹23,945.33 crore and total land requirement of 1478.2 hectare. The DPR has been submitted to Ministry of External Affairs.

(f): Agartala (India) - Akhaura (Bangladesh) Broad Gauge New Line is a project of national importance. Construction of Indian portion is taken up by M/s IRCON and funded by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). Construction of Bangladesh portion is taken up by Bangladesh Railway and funded by Ministry of External Affairs. The link shall provide additional connectivity between India and Bangladesh and encourage trade between the two nations.

The alignment for Indian side of the project runs from Agartala Railway Station to Nischintpur Yard. The length of Indian side is 5.46 km and length in Bangladesh side (International Border to Gangasagar) is 6.78 km. The anticipated cost of the project (Indian side) is ₹865 crore. Expenditure on the project (Indian side) upto July 2023 is ₹781.71 Crore. The work on Nischintpur yard has also been completed and construction of viaduct in balance portion (Indian side) has been taken up.
