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RAJYA SABHA
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RAIL CONNECTIVITY FOR BEGUSARAI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will consider to provide railway connectivity for Begusarai with Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Surat and other industrial city across India keeping in view the fact that Begusarai has emerged as an industrial city and has a huge business potential if it is connected with other parts of the country;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to develop rail connectivity of Jaymanglagarh to exploit its tourism potential; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to connect the Barauni junction- Begusarai to Dedicated Railway Freight Corridor to transport goods and products to other parts of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) At present, Begusarai is directly connected with Bengaluru and Chennai area with 15227/15228 SMVT Bengaluru-Muzaffarpur Express. Besides, 18 train services for Kolkata area and 4 train services for Surat area are also available from Barauni which is only 15 Km away from Begusarai. However, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

(b) & (c) At present, Jaimanglagarh is not connected to rail line. However, a feasibility study for connecting Tilrath Station to Hasanpur Road Station (35 Km) via Khamhar and Naokothi has been taken up. The proposed alignment of this rail line connects Jaimanglagarh.

Barauni Junction and Begusarai are already connected with Indian Railways network. Further, as on 01.04.2023, 54 projects (32 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 18 Doubling), of total length of 4,950 Km, costing ₹70,672 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including those falling in and around Barauni Junction and Begusarai are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1505 km length of projects has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹25,702 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Completion of any railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical condition of area, law and order situation in the area of the project site, number of working months in a year for particular site due to climatic conditions, etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project.

Barauni Junction-Begusarai is already connected through Kiul-Gaya SEB double line section of Indian Railway. Presently, there is no additional connectivity proposal for EDFC.
