

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 611
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

APPROVAL TO UNCHAHAR-AMETHI RAIL PROJECT

611 SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foundation stone of Unchahar-Amethi rail project passing through three districts of Uttar Pradesh with construction of seven railway stations connecting 81 villages and having a length of 66.17 KM was laid on 26th November 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including cost of project;
- (c) whether Detailed Project Report (DPR) of project has also been prepared;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether despite a lapse of more than a decade, the project is still awaiting approval of Railways;
- (f) if so, present status of the project; and
- (g) the timeline by which the project is likely to be accorded approval?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 611 BY SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING APPROVAL TO UNCHAHAR-AMETHI RAIL PROJECT

(a) to (g): Unchahar -Amethi new line project (66 Km) was included in budget 2012-13 without preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) at a cost of ₹380 crore. Subsequently, the work of final location survey for preparation of DPR including Detailed Estimate was taken up. Original alignment was passing through upcoming industrial area of Salon as such the alignment was not found feasible and required to be modified. Accordingly, another final location survey has been taken up to re-examine the alignment including preparation of estimate of the project. However, Unchahar is already well connected with Amethi via Raebareli as well as via Phaphamau.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, 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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.
