

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3960**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025**

**BHANUPALLI-BILASPUR-BERI RAILWAY LINE**

3960 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a delay in the completion of the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have paid their outstanding contribution to the Central Government?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri (63km) New Rail Line project has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Govt.

In this project, 79.57 Ha land out of total required 124.02 Ha land in Himachal Pradesh has been acquired. The work on available land has been taken up. So far, an expenditure of ₹5205 crore has been incurred on this Project. ₹1351 crore is outstanding with Government of Himachal Pradesh. Failure to make this contribution is adversely affecting the project.

The progress of this project is also affected due to non fulfillment of commitments by State Govt. The support of State Govt is required to expedite the Project.

The Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Himachal Pradesh.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of 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 conditions etc.

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