

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2363
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RAILWAY ROUTE FROM LANKA TO MANARBAND, ASSAM

2363 SHRI KANAD PURKAYASTHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has completed the final location survey and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed alternative railway line from Lanka to Manarband in Assam;
- (b) if so, the current status of approval and implementation of the project;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any timeline for the commencement and completion of the said railway line; and
- (d) the steps being taken to expedite the project, considering the strategic importance of this route for Barak Valley and its vulnerability during monsoons ?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Final Location Survey (FLS) for Lanka- Moinarband has been sanctioned for preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR). The physical survey work has been completed for entire alignment of 147 km passing through West Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao and Cachar districts of the State of Assam. .

After firming up of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stakeholders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

Completion of Railway project/s 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 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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
