GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1557 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF BARAMATI-LONAND RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

1557 # SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present physical and financial progress of the construction of Baramati-Lonand new railway line project;
- (b) the original scheduled completion date for this important project, and the revised completion date set due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or other reasons; and
- (c) the manner in which this railway line facilitate faster and cost-effective transport for local passengers and agricultural produce in the Baramati region, and the expected increase in traffic and revenue on the Pune-Satara rail section upon the completion of this project?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c): Baramati-Phaltan-Lonand (64 km) new line project has been taken up in two phases:

Phase I:

Lonand-Phaltan (38 Km): Detailed estimate was sanctioned in 2002. The work has been completed and commissioned.

Phase II:

Phaltan-Baramati (26 Km): Detailed estimate for this section has been sanctioned in 2016.

Initially, there was resistance in the alignment of the project. The alignment of the project was revised in consultation with State Government and other stake holders. After finalization of alignment, land acquisition work has been taken up. The project has been declared as "Special Railway Project' for land acquisition in September, 2022. Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has also been nominated in September, 2022. Out of total scope of 262 Ha. land, 240 Ha. land has been acquired in Phaltan-Baramati section. The work has been taken up in the available land.

A new goods shed work at New Baramati, which is a part of this project will help the locals to transport their agricultural products. Connection to Baramati at Katphal will facilitate travel by local passengers of Baramati area. Further, connection at Lonand Junction on Pune-Satara section will also facilitate passenger and freight traffic from Baramati area towards Pune and Satara direction.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition
- Forest clearance
- 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 etc.
