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PROGRESS OF FLS FOR GORAKHPUR-PADRAUNA-KUSHINAGAR RAILWAY LINE

1573 SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the Final Location Survey (FLS) for the 64-km Gorakhpur-Padrauna-Kushinagar new railway line;
- (b) the specific technical parameters being evaluated to ensure minimal displacement of rural agricultural lands;
- (c) the total funds allocated to execute this survey and preliminary infrastructure planning during the current year;
- (d) whether any potential challenges have been identified regarding land acquisition in densely populated border villages; and
- (e) the timeline fixed by the Railway Board to submit the comprehensive survey report for final financial approval?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Gorakhpur and Padrauna are already connected through existing railway network. Kushinagar is served by existing Padrauna railway station which is about 22 Km away from Kushinagar. To provide additional connectivity, survey for Gorakhpur-Kushinagar-Padrauna new railway line (64 Km) was carried out and the Detailed Project Report prepared. However, the project has low traffic projections and not taken forward.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,
- Railway's operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds
