

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6198  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

**DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF DARBHANGA-SAMASTIPUR RAIL LINE**

**†6198. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the present status of the doubling and electrification work on Darbhanga-Samastipur rail line; and**

**(b) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) and (b): Work of Samastipur - Darbhanga (38 Km) Doubling project has been taken up. All contracts except for major bridges and earthwork have been awarded.**

**Electrification of existing single line of Samastipur-Darbhangha is part of Raxaul-Sitamarhi-Darbhangha-Samastipur electrification project sanctioned in 2017-18. Work of electrification of this section has been taken up by Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE), Allahabad.**

**Completion of projects depends upon several factors like complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government, forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, clearance for Road over/under bridges, canal & electrical crossings, etc. Hence, no time-frame has been fixed for completion of this project.**

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