

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2439
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

RAXAUL-KATHMANDU RAILWAY LINE

2439. SHRI R. P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by India and Nepal for expeditious completion of all rail link projects;**
- (b) whether the Government has signed any MoU for Raxaul-Kathmandu railway line;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the salient features of the MoU?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): At present, two projects have been taken up for Indo-Nepal connectivity, namely Jogbani-Biratnagar New Line project and Jaynagar-Bijalpura Gauge Conversion and its extension up to Bardibas. Officials from India and Nepal are holding regular meetings for expeditious completion of all rail link projects.

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(b) to (d): During the visit of Prime Minister of Nepal to India on 7 April 2018, it was agreed to construct a new electrified rail line connecting Raxaul in India to Kathmandu in Nepal. A draft MoU for conducting a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic survey of the rail line is under discussion between the two Governments. The Government of India is in consultation with the Government of Nepal for carrying out preparatory survey work of the project.
