

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

**CONSTRUCTION OF KODERMA-RANCHI RAIL LINE**

**†1461. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the underconstruction Koderma- Ranchi rail line *via* Hazaribagh is facing unnecessary delays;**
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the time schedule for its completion; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of construction of the said rail line?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461 BY SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF KODERMA-RANCHI RAIL LINE**

**(a) to (c): The Koderma-Hazaribagh-Barkakana-Ranchi New Line project has been taken up in 1998-99 on cost sharing basis with the State Government of Jharkhand as per Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the two parties. However, execution of this project has suffered mainly due to delay in acquisition of encumbrance-free land from State Government, forestry clearance, local demand for additional accommodation works like Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges and law & order problem.**

**At present the project is progressing steadily as indicated below:-**

**(i) Koderma-Hazaribagh (80 Km) section: completed and commissioned.**

**(ii) Hazaribagh-Barkakana (57 Km) section: completed and commissioned.**

**(iii) Barkakana-Ranchi (63 km) section: Barkakana-Sidhwar (7 Km) and Shanki-Tantisilwai (31 Km) sections have been completed and commissioned. Works have been taken up on balance Sidhwar-Shanki (26 Km) and Arigada-Barkakana (2 Km) sections, after land acquisition by State Govt.**

**This project is targeted for completion by March 2020.**

**To fast-track the completion of this project, fund allocation of ₹150 crore has been made in 2018-19.**

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