

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

NEW RAIL LINES

†1501. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Neora-Daniyawan-Sheikhpura rail line;**
- (b) the present status of Bihta-Aurangabad new rail line;**
- (c) the present status of Azeria-Supaul new rail line;**
- (d) the present status of proposed third new rail line on Kiul-Mughalsarai route; and**
- (e) the present status of Chhapra-Muzaffarpur *via* Rewaghat new rail line?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1501 BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINES

(a): Neora-Daniawan-Sheikhpura (123 Km) new line: Neora-Daniawan-Biharsharif-Barbigha-Sheikhpura (123 Km) new line was sanctioned as Material Modification to Fatuha-Islampur new line project in 2002-03. So far Daniawan-Biharsharif (38 Km) section has been commissioned. However, execution of remaining sections (85 Km) of the project, is held up due to issues like non-acquisition of land, Court Cases, encroachment, modification/raising of electrical crossing, ROBs at State Highways crossings etc.

(b): Bihta-Aurangabad new line(120 Km): Bihta-Aurangabad new line project was sanctioned in 2007-08 at an abstract cost of ₹326.20 crore. Part detailed estimate of ₹64.59 crore for land acquisition on Bihta-Paliganj (28 Km) was sanctioned on 30.10.2007. Subsequently, while examining the Detailed Estimate of the project, it was decided to keep the execution of Bihta-Aurangabad new line project on hold in view of available routes in adjoining areas and low capacity utilization of existing parallel route i.e. Ara-Sasaram new line and Patna-Gaya doubling. Meanwhile, an updating survey has been taken up to see its viability in view of upcoming industrial, educational institutions and new airport in the vicinity of this project.

(c): Araria-Supaul New Line (92 Km): This project was included in Railway Budget 2008-09 at an original cost of ₹304 crore. Detailed estimate amounting to ₹1605 crore has been sanctioned in June 2008. Land acquisition process has been initiated.

(d): Kiul-Mughalsarai (335 Km) 3rd line: At present Kiul-Mughalsarai (335 Km) 3rd line is not a sanctioned project. A Preliminary-Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for 3rd line of this section has been taken up. Sanction of this project depends upon viability of the project after examination of its survey report.

(e): Chhapra-Muzaffarpur via Rewaghat new rail line (78 Km): This project was included in 2006-07 at an Abstract Cost of ₹365.02 crore. Earthwork and bridgework have been taken up on portion where land has been acquired. Further, land acquisition has been taken up. Detailed Estimate amounting to ₹2614 crore has been taken up.