

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY FROM BARHNI TO KATHMANDU

***161. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start a rail line from Barhni to Kathmandu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the work on the said project has been started, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for expeditious completion of the above project in a time bound manner?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO. 161 BY SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL TO BE
ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING RAIL
CONNECTIVITY FROM BARHNI TO KATHMANDU**

(a) to (c) : Survey for New Broad Gauge (BG) line from Barhni to Kathmandu was sanctioned in the year 2015-16. Since major portion of alignment lies in Nepal, permission from Government of Nepal is required.

In September 2016, Government had shared a draft MoU with the Government of Nepal regarding Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey of the proposed broad gauge line between Barhni in India and Kathmandu in Nepal. However, no response has been received from the Government of Nepal on this proposal till date. Work on the proposed project can start only after the inter-governmental MoU is signed, for which the concurrence/comment of the Government of Nepal is awaited.
