

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION No.213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINE BETWEEN JAGDALPUR AND ROWGHAT

†*213. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bhoomi Pujan of the Jagdalpur – Rowghat - Dallirajhara Railway line project was done on 28 September 2018;**
- (b) if so, the current status of the said Railway line;**
- (c) the status of construction of Jagdalpur-Rowghat Railway line so far; and**
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed alongwith the details of progress in this direction?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 BY SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINE BETWEEN JAGDALPUR AND ROWGHAT

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The bhoomi puja for Jagdalpur – Rowghat portion of Dallirajhara – Rowghat – Jagdalpur Railway line project was done on 28-12-2018. The Railway has taken up construction of Dallirajhara – Rowghat - Jagdalpur rail line (235 Km) project in two phases. The Phase-I of the project is from Dallirajhara to Rowghat (0 - 95 km) and the Phase-II of the project is from Rowghat to Jagdalpur (95 - 235 km). The Phase-I of the project between Dallirajhara - Rowghat (95km) is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) through funding by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Phase-II of the project between Rowghat - Jagdalpur (140 km) has been planned for execution through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Bastar Railway Private Limited (BRPL) consisting of Government of Chhattisgarh, SAIL, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and IRCON. The present status of the project is as under:

- (i) Phase-I Dallirajhara - Rowghat (95 km): This section is being executed by RVNL and funded by SAIL. The latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹ 1622 Crore. Work on this section was started in 2010. The work from Dallirajhara to Antagarh (60 Km) has been completed. The work has been taken up in balance section. Project Area is in problem affected area and work has to be taken up under dedicated security cover with daily mobilization and demobilization if mechanism is required. This is affecting the pace of execution of the project. Completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities,**

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geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project/s site etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, Railway is making all effort for expeditious completion of project(s).

- (ii) Phase-II - Rowghat - Jagdalpur (140 Km) : The land acquisition for this Phase is under process and approximately 249 Ha of land out of 776 Ha required for the project has been acquired. The balance land yet to be acquired constitutes of 527 Ha consisting of 95 Ha of private land and 432 Ha of forest land. The Phase-II of the project is scheduled to be completed within four years after the land acquisition and financial closure of the project.**

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