

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2369  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

**RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHATRA TO GAYA**

**†2369. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for laying of railway line from Chatra to Gaya;**
- (b) if so, the time by which this railway line was proposed to be completed along with the budget allocated so far;**
- (c) the estimated budget required to complete Chatra-Gaya railway line at present along with the details thereof;**
- (d) the current status of Chatra-Gaya railway line; and**
- (e) the time by which Chatra-Gaya railway line is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2369 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHATRA TO GAYA**

**(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Railways have taken up construction of Chatra-Gaya (99.44 Km) new rail line project. This project was sanctioned in the year 2008-09. Latest anticipated cost of this project is ₹4,543 crore. So far, expenditure of ₹15.58 Cr. have been incurred upto March, 2022. Land acquisition has been initiated by Railways through the State Govt. Earlier, execution of project had been kept in abeyance as land acquisition could not be completed.**

**Now, in view of substantial increase in coal traffic arising out of various mines in that area having potential of loading 80 rakes per day, Gaya-Chatra new line project has been considered for execution on priority. To make optimum utilization of this rail line a Final Location Survey for Tori-Chatra-Kastha/Paraiya (near Gaya) New Line section has also been taken up.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Railway Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand during 2014-19, has been enhanced to ₹ 2,089 crore per year from ₹ 457 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 357% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 2,493 crore for financial year 2019-20 (446% more than average annual outlay of 2009-14), ₹ 3,221 crore for financial year 2020-21 (605% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,182 crore for financial year 2021-22 (815% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹ 5,058 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 1007% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During 2014-22, 911 Km sections (433 Km New Lines and 478 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand have been commissioned at an average rate of 113.88 Km/year, which is 98.4% more than the average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (57.4 Km/year).**

**Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State share by the State Government in cost sharing projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, 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 site due to climatic conditions, etc and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to complete these projects at the earliest.**

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