

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

CHATRA - GAYA RAIL LINE PROJECT

†2490. 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 budget provision made for Chatra-Gaya rail line project in the current year's budget;**
- (c) the details of funds spent so far on the said rail line; and**
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?**

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2490 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING CHATRA - GAYA RAIL LINE PROJECT

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Railways have taken up construction of Chatra-Gaya (99.44 Km) new rail line project. This project was included in Pink Book 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 increase in coal traffic arising out of various mines in that area having potential of loading, 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), ₹4,182 crore for financial year 2021-22 (815% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹5,058 crore for financial year 2022-23 (1007% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14). Further, for financial year 2023-24, highest-ever budget

outlay of ₹5,271 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 1053% 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.
