

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

CONSTRUCTION OF DALLIRAJHARA – RAVGHAT RAIL LINE

†2529. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether provision of funds has not been made in General Budget 2023-24 for construction of Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur-Ravghat rail line under south east central railway zone and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the quantum of construction work completed and likely to be completed on this rail division;**
- (c) the initial cost of the project and the cost after escalation;**
- (d) the amount of funds provided for construction of rail lines in Chhattisgarh during the last six years; and**
- (e) the rail line in kilometers for which construction work has been 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2529 BY SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DALLIRAJHARA-RAVGHAT RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (e) Railway has taken up construction of Dallirajhara – Rowghat-Jagdalpur rail line (235 Km) project which was included in budget 1995-96. Project has been taken up in two phases. Phase-I – Dallirajhara-Rowghat (0- 95 km) and Phase-II-Rowghat-Jagdalpur(95-235 km). Phase I between Dallirajhara-Rowghat (95km) is being executed by RVNL through funding by SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited). Phase II between Rowghat – Jagdalpur (140 km) was planned for execution through SPV named BRPL.

Phase-I Dallirajhara-Rowghat (95 km): This section is being executed by RVNL and funded by SAIL. Abstract estimate costing ₹ 304.29 crore was sanctioned in the year 2003-04. The anticipated cost at present is ₹ 1627.56 crore. Work on this Phase was started in 2010. The work from Dallirajhara to Antagarh (60 Km) has been completed. Work has been taken up in balance section. Project area is affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and work has to be taken up under dedicated security cover with daily mobilization and demobilization of machinery. This is affecting the pace of execution of the project. An outlay of ₹ 500 crore has been proposed for the financial year 2023-24.

Phase II Rowghat-Jagdalpur(140 km): The Rowghat - Jagdalpur (140 km) section of Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur-Rowghat rail line project was planned for execution through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Bastar Railway Private Limited (BRPL) consisting of Government of

Chhattisgarh, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and IRCON at an approx. cost of ₹ 2538 crore. The land acquisition for this Project is under process and approximately 249 Ha of land out of 776 Ha required for the project has been acquired. The balance 527 Ha land includes 95 Ha of private land and 432 Ha of forest land.

However, Ministry of Railways have now granted 'in principle' approval for taking over the Rowghat-Jagdalpur section(Phase-II) as a railway project which was earlier entrusted to Bastar Railway Private Limited (BRPL). The work of preparing Detailed Project Report has been taken up for further consideration of project.

Railway projects falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are covered under South East Central Railway and East Coast Railway of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including expenditure and Budget outlay project-wise on each project are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in>Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Regular Budget/Pink Book(year) Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh, during 2014-19 has

increased to ₹ 2274crore per year from ₹ 311crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, there was an increase of 631% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3269 crore in 2019-20 (951% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 3874 crore in 2020-21 (1146% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 3730 crore for financial year 2021-22(1099% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 5,715 crore for financial year 2022-23(1738% more than the average budget outlay of 2009-14).

During 2014-22, 744 Km sections(145 km New line and 599 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh have been commissioned at an average rate 93 km per year, which is 1353% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (6.4 Km/Yr.)

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, 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.
