

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

EXPANSION OF RAIL LINES IN UTTAR PRADESH

**†1125. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes expansion of new Railway sections in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lay new Railway lines in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar particularly in Bhatni-Barhaj to Dohrighat of Uttar Pradesh and Dehri Banjari Rail line Bhabua, Mundeshwari and Aurangabad Bihta Rail line in Bihar; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which the said work 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1125 BY SHRI MAHABALI SINGH, SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK, SHRI RAVI KISHAN AND SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL LINES IN UTTAR PRADESH

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as the Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2023, 71 Projects (16 New Line, 04 Gauge Conversion and 51 Doubling) of a total length 6,552 km, costing ₹98,015 crore, falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh are in planning/ sanction/ construction stage, out of which 1498 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹28,275 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Similarly, as on 01.04.2023, 54 projects (32 New Line, 04 Gauge Conversion and 18 Doubling), of total length of 4,950 Km, costing ₹70,672 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/sanction/construction stage, out of which, 1505 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹25,702 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(c) and (d): Bhatni-Salempur- Barhaj Bazar is already connected through railway network. Survey of Barhaj Bazar to Faizabad via Dohrighat New Line(194 km) was conducted in 2006-07. However, the project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection. Indara – Dohrighat (34.37 Km) Gauge Conversion project has been commissioned. Sahjanwa-Dohrighat (81.17 Km) New Line project and Bhatni-Aurnihar (117 Km) doubling project have been taken up which are in the vicinity and will improve connectivity in the area.

Dehri-On-Sone-Banjari New Line Project (35 km) has been sanctioned. Execution of the project could not be taken forward due to low priority. However, a fresh Final Location Survey (FLS) for Tiura-Pipradih-Rohtasgarh Fort-Dehri-on-Sone (67 km) New line project, alignment of which passes through Banjari has been sanctioned.

Ara- Bhabua Road new rail line (125 km), Bhabhua Road-Mundeshwari Dham (26 Km) new line and Bihta-Aurangabad (120 Km) new rail line projects are approved.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of 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

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months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s). As such, no firm timeline for completion of the project/s can be given.
