

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

OPERATION OF EXPRESS TRAIN UNDER EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

†575. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has granted approval for the operation of daily Express Train from Jogbani in Samastipur Division of Railways to Danapur and from Jogbani to Saharsa under East Central Railway during the Budget Session of 2023 but the operation of trains has not started so far;**
- (b) if so, the time by which the said train operations are likely to be started;**
- (c) whether the CRS inspection from Lalitgram to Farbisganj on the East Central railway section was done on 11/1/2023 itself but due to non-resumption of train operations so far, the people of the area have to face a lot of difficulties, if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to construct a new bypass lane of 1.527 kilometers length to avoid engine reversal in Lalitgram of the rail section from Saharsa to Farbisganj under the East Central Railway so that the said project can work in public interest for facilitating and safeguarding the rail operations on the said rail section; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be executed?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

(d) & (e) A new bypass line for avoiding engine reversal at Lalitgram (1.527 km) has been sanctioned in the year 2022-23 at a cost of ₹ 33.60 Cr. Land acquisition has been taken up for the project.

Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry, 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 site due to climatic condition, etc. With above constraints, every effort is being made to complete this project at the earliest.
