

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2684
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019**

EXTENSION OF CHANDPARA-BONGAON RAIL LINE

2684. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chandpara-Bongaon with extension to Chandabazar and new MM for Bongaon-Poramaheshtala and Chandabazar-Bagdah project has been completed;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): Main project sanctioned, was a doubling project named Chandpara-Bongaon of 9.77 Km length. Subsequently, 3 new line sections were added into the main project as Material Modification (MM) viz. (i) Bongaon-Chandabazar (11.50 Km) New Line, (ii) Bongaon-Poramaheshtala (20.0 Km) New Line and (iii) Chandabazar-Bagdah (13.86 Km) New Line. Thus after incorporating the MMs, the total length of the project became 55.13 Km, costing ₹337 Cr. The main project of doubling from Chandpara to Bongaon has been completed & commissioned and an expenditure of ₹70 Cr. has been incurred upto Mar'19.

However, execution of Bongaon-Chandabazar (11.50 Km) New Line, Bongaon-Poramaheshtala (20.0 Km) New Line and Chandabazar-Bagdah (13.86 Km) New Line, sanctioned as Material Modifications to Chandpara-Bongaon doubling project, could not be taken up due to non handing over of encumbrance free land to Railway by State Government.
