

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2294  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR**

**2294. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of railway projects under implementation in Bihar, district-wise including Kishanganj; and**
- (b) the details of current status of those projects along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion?**

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2294 BY DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR**

**(a) and (b): Railway projects are not sanctioned District-wise/State-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise. However, presently 55 projects (36 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 14 doublings), costing ₹ 71,795 crore, covering a length of 4,952 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including in Kishanganj area are in different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1,256 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,294 crore has been incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹2,403 crore has been provided for the current financial year 2019-20 for these projects. This includes:**

- 36 new lines projects covering a length of 3,008 km, costing ₹54,759 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 472 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹13,881 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹723 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects.**

**The above projects include 2 new line projects falling partly in Kishanganj district, named as Araria-Galgolia (New line of 111 Km length costing ₹2145 crore) and Kishanganj-Jalalgarh (New line of 51 Km length costing ₹360 crore). The preliminary works have been taken up.**

- 5 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1,007 km, costing ₹5,462 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 716 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹3,772 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹ 305 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects.**

- **14 doubling projects covering a length of 937 km, costing ₹11,574 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 68 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹2,641 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹1375 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects.**

**The project-wise details including expenditure incurred, and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in) > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget).**

**Budget Allocation (for projects falling full/partly in State of Bihar):**

- **Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, has increased to ₹3061 crore per year (during 2014-19) from ₹1132 crore per year (during 2009-14) which is 170% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**
- **Total allocation of Budget for infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, in 2019-20 is ₹4093 crore, which is 262 % more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**Commissioning of projects:**

- **During 2009-14, 318 Km (150 Km of new line, 160 km of Gauge conversion and 8 km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate of 64 km per year.**
- **During 2014-19, 695 Km (240 km of new line, 280 Km Gauge conversion and 175 Km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate of 139 km per year.**
- **Commissioning during 2014-19 is 118% more than the commissioning during 2009-14.**

**The completion of Railway projects depend on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site, due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors vary from project to project and site to site and affect the completion time and cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage. As such, no confirmed time line can be given for completion of these projects.**

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