

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

GALGALIA-ARARIA RAILWAY LINE

2962. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress report and the current status of the Galgalia- Araria railway line in Bihar;**
- (b) whether the construction work of the said railway line has started;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed and the reasons for delay, if any, in completion of the projects; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2962 BY DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2020 REGARDING GALGALIA-ARARIA RAILWAY LINE

(a) and (b): Araria-Galgalia (111 km) new line project was sanctioned in 2006-07. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹2145 crore. An expenditure of ₹932.38 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019.

Project involves acquisition of 1336.113 Hectare land, out of which, 941.95 Hectare land has been acquired. Works of earthwork and minor bridges have been taken up in Thakurganj-Powarkhali section. Tenders for major bridges have been planned in available land.

• PROJECTS IN BIHAR (PROJECTS FALLING FULLY/PARTLY IN THE STATE OF BIHAR):

- 55 (New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling) Projects, costing ₹71,795 crore for 4,952 km length, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are under different stages of planning/approval/execution.**

These include:

- 36 New Line Projects, covering a length of 3,008 km at a cost of ₹54,759 crore. Out of which, 472 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹13,881 crore has been incurred upto March 2019.**
- 5 Gauge Conversion Projects, covering a length of 1,007 km at a cost of ₹5,462 crore. Out of which, 716 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,772 crore has been incurred upto March 2019.**

- **14 Doubling Projects, covering a length of 937 km at a cost of ₹11,574 crore. Out of which 68 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,641 crore has been incurred upto March 2019.**
- **BUDGET ALLOCATION (FOR THE PROJECTS FALLING FULLY/PARTLY IN THE STATE OF BIHAR):**
 - **Average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, the annual average Budget allocation during 2014-19 is 170% more as compared to average annual allocation of 2009-14.**
 - **Total allocation of Budget for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, in 2019-20 is ₹4,093 crore, which is 262% more than the average annual Budget of 2009-14 (₹1132 crore).**
- **COMMISSIONING OF PROJECTS (FALLING FULLY/PARTLY IN THE STATE OF BIHAR):**
 - **During 2009-14, 318 km (150 km of New Line, 160 km of Gauge Conversion and 8 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar, have been commissioned 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) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar, have been commissioned at an average rate 139 km per year, which is 118% more than commissioning during 2009-14.**

(c) and (d): Completion of any Railway project depends 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. and all these factors differs from project to project and affects the completion time of the project. As such, firm completion time of the project cannot be ascertained at this stage.
