

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

NEW RAILWAY LINES AND ROBS

3641. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total sanctioned amount for construction of new railway lines and ROBs in the State of Bihar;**
- (b) the amount released and the progress made so far in this regard;**
- (c) the details of agencies working on the construction of new Railway lines and ROBs in Bihar, project-wise; and**
- (d) the number of ROBs proposed for Chapra under Railway Division Varanasi and Sonapur Railway Division?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 3641 BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES AND ROBS

(a) to (c): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway-wise as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. Bihar is covered by East Central Railway, Eastern Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

Presently, 35 New Line Projects, covering a length of 2,962 km costing ₹53,650 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been taken up and are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution out of which, 484 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,896 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

In addition to the above, Road over Bridges (ROBs) costing ₹5140.42 crore have been sanctioned in State of Bihar. ₹936.28 crore have been allotted for construction of these ROBs and ₹676.58 Cr. have been spent so far.

All the Railway Projects including New lines and ROBs falling fully/partly in Bihar are being executed by East Central Railway, Eastern Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway Zones, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), IRCON International and Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCL).

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar during 2014-19, has increased to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 170% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹4,489 crore was provided to these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 297% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹5150 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 355% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

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Project-wise details including cost, expenditure incurred 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) > Pink Book (Year) > Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP) .

During 2014-19, 695 Km length (240 Km New Lines, 280 Km Gauge Conversion and 175 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned which is 119% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (318 Km). During 2019-20, 231 Km length (64 Km New Lines, 45 Km Gauge Conversion and 122 Km Doubling) has been commissioned which is 263% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

(d): 03 Nos. of ROBs are sanctioned for construction by Railways in Chhapra District, 01 No. in Sonapur and 02 Nos. in Varanasi Railway division. In addition, 3 ROBs are proposed for construction by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the jurisdiction of Sonapur Division.
