

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4637
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

†4637. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects sanctioned in the country including Bihar during the last three years zone-wise;**
- (b) the details of projects completed ahead of schedule and the delayed projects in Bihar including Araria district;**
- (c) the details of the delayed projects which have cost overrun and the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

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. 4637 BY SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a): During the last three financial years i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, 141 projects (New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling) of 10,499 km length costing ₹1,38,729 crore have been included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals, out of which there are 8 projects falling fully/partly in the state of Bihar (2 New Line and 6 Doubling) of a total length of 496.10 km costing ₹5890 crore.

Details of New line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects zone-wise included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals during the last three years i.e. FY 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 is as under:-

Zonal Railway	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Central Railway	3	4	2
Eastern Railway	0	0	1
East Central Railway	1	4	5
East Coast Railway	1	1	2
Northern Railway	7	2	8
North Central Railway	5	10	1
North Eastern Railway	5	0	1
Northeast Frontier Railway	5	0	2
North Western Railway	2	2	5
Southern Railway	1	2	4
South Central Railway	1	1	3
South Eastern Railway	2	5	4
South East Central Railway	0	1	1
South Western Railway	1	6	3
Western Railway	20	3	2
West Central Railway	0	0	2
Total	54	41	46

The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are 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) >Railways> Pink Book (year) >Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(b): Presently, 57 New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling Projects, covering a length of 5267 km costing ₹74,880 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including Araria district are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 1306 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹22,123 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

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 ₹5,150 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 355% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

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).

(c): Completion of Railway project(s) depends on various factors like expeditious land acquisition by State Government, forest 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 site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s) which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

(d): Various steps being taken by the Railways for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
