

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

INCOMPLETE RAILWAY WORKS

†4736. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of Hajipur, Vaishali, Sugauli via Sahebganj, Paru Railway line under the Vaishali Lok Sabha constituency is incomplete whereas the work of Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur, Hajipur, Sugauli, Vaishali railway line is complete and both these lines were started simultaneously;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4736 BY SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING INCOMPLETE RAILWAY WORKS

(a) to (c): Hajipur-Sagauli via Vaishali, Sahebganj (150 km) New Line was sanctioned in the year 2003-04 at a cost of ₹2067 crore. An expenditure of ₹1463 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020. So far Hajipur-Ghoshwar-Vaishali (35 Km) section has been commissioned. Vaishali-Deoria (30 Km) section is in advance stage of execution. Land acquisition between Deoria and Sagauli has been taken up and work taken up on section where land has been acquired.

The Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi (63 Km) new line project was sanctioned in the year 1997-98. Project has already been completed and commissioned since requisite land for the project was acquired by the State Government of Bihar. For Hajipur-Sagauli new rail line project, out of total 729 Ha land 513 Ha land has been acquired and balance land acquisition taken up.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like 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/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site, priority of projects, etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project.

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.

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 with respect to 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).
