

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

JIRIBAM-IMPHAL RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

2942. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is constructing the world's tallest bridge pier in Manipur on Jiribam-Imphal railway line/project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total funds sanctioned, released and likely to be spent on the said project;**
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (d) whether such railway projects will serve the dual purpose of encouragement to tourism and will also provide cushion to the national security and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to start more such projects, particularly in border States to serve the dual purpose of tourism and security in addition to development of the nation and if so, the details in this regard; State-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2942 BY SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA, SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK, SHRI RAVI KISHAN, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK, SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV, SHRI MANOJ TIWARI AND SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING JIRIBAM-IMPHAL RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Railway have taken up construction of Open Web Bridge No. 164, 703 metre long at Noney district in Manipur. This has tallest pier of 141 metre height. Construction of this Bridge has been taken up as a part of Jiribam-Imphal (111 km) new line project sanctioned in 2003-04. Anticipated cost of this project is ₹12,264 crore. An expenditure of ₹10,948 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021 and outlay of ₹1,000 crore has been provided for 2021-22.

So far, Jiribam-Vangaichungpao (12 km) section has been commissioned and work has been taken up in remaining section.

(c): The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, priority of project, 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 considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. As such, confirmed completion time of project cannot be ascertained at this state. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project expeditiously.

(d) and (e): Jiribam-Imphal new line project is a Capital Connectivity project and connecting Imphal (Capital of Manipur) with Indian Railways network. Project has been taken up to boost tourism and to provide cushion to National security as the State shares International boundary with Myanmar.

Sanctioning of new project is an ongoing and continuous exercise. As on 01.04.2021, there are 187 new line projects which are in various stages of planning/ approval/ execution including projects in border States. Zone-wise details of ongoing Railway projects including cost, expenditure 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) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.
