GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1359 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

†1359. SHRI PRINCE RAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey for new railway line project of Karpurigram-Tajpur-Mahua-Bhagvanpur has been completed by the Government;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is likely to make provision for the said project in 2022-23 budget;
- (c) if not, the time by which the Government is likely to start the said project;
- (d) whether it is likely to provide ease of travelling of lakhs of people of Samastipur and Vaishali districts after the said line becomes operational;
- (e) whether the said project is likely to reduce the distance between Patna and Samastipur including Mithilanchal by at least 100 km; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1359 BY SHRI PRINCE RAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) to (f): Bhagwanpur is an existing station on Hazipur-Muzaffarpur double line section and Karpurigram is an existing station on Samstipur-Muzaffarpur double line section. Bhagwanpur and Karpurigram are well connected on Railway network via Muzaffarpur.

Survey for Bhagwanpur to Karpurigram via Mahua has been completed in 2020-21. As per survey report the project was found to be financially unviable as such it could not be taken forward.

Doubling work of Hazipur-Muzaffarpur has been completed. Muzaffarpur-Sugauli doubling and Hazipur-Vaishali-Sagauli New Line works have been taken up in the area. These projects will provide further ease of travelling to people of Samastipur and Vaishali Districts.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 170% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹5,560 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹5150 crore and additional allotment ₹410 crore} has been provided for these projects, which is 391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 1,132 crore per year).

During 2014-21, 968 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 345 Km Gauge Conversion and 306 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned at an average rate of 138.29 Km per year, which is 117% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km per year).
