

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 186
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

186. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee has submitted a report recommending review of various pending railway projects at regular intervals to expedite the evacuation of coal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the recommendations in the said report regarding Barwadih-Chirmiri Rail Line Project and Chatra-Gaya New Railway Line;**
- (c) whether a coordination mechanism has been developed by the Ministries of Railways, Coal and Joint Stakeholders for the said railway line projects;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Railways had written any letter to Coal India Limited regarding the aforesaid railway line projects;**
- (f) if so, the dates on which Coal India Limited received letters from the Railways in this regard; and**
- (g) whether Coal India Limited has sent any reply in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Standing Committee on Coal and Steel had submitted Report No. 19 and Report No. 25 on the subject "Coal

Conservation and Development of Infrastructure for Transportation of Coal across the Country”. The Committee has recommended that “a coordination mechanism be developed between the Ministries of Railways and Coal and also joint Stake Holders and they be apprised of the same.”

(c) to (g): Ministry of Railways along with Ministry of Coal monitor the progress of 14 coal projects which is being monitored at the level of Secretary/Coal, Ministry of Coal and CRB & CEO/Railway Board, Ministry of Railways by holding regular meetings. The new line projects of Barwadih-Chirimiri and Chatra-Gaya are not the part of these 14 coal projects.

Coal India Limited was approached in October 2012 for development of Barwadih to Ambikapur Rail project jointly. Reply of Coal India Ltd. has not been received. Subsequent to identification of this project by M/s Chhattisgarh Railway Company Limited (CRCL), a Joint Venture (JV) company of Ministry of Railways and Government of Chhattisgarh, State Govt. of Chattisgarh approached M/s South Eastern Coalfield Ltd. (SECL) for investment in Ambikapur- Barwadih New line project in September 2021. Ministry of Railways also approached Ministry of Coal vide letter dated 18.11.2021 to consider investment in Barwadih-Ambikapur project. Ministry of Coal has replied vide letter dated 20.12.2021 that M/s SECL has shown its inability for investment in the above project. Chatra-Gaya rail line (99 km) project was included in the pink book in year 2008-09 with Gross Budgetary support (GBS) funding.
