

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

670. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects in Bihar for which survey has been conducted and approved but work is not underway as yet; and**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to speed up the work of approved railway projects in Bihar?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 670 BY DR. SANJAY JAISWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a) and (b): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/district-wise as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 52 Railway projects (32 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 16 doublings), costing ₹ 66,597 crore, covering total length of 5,004 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1,240 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 21,038 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Projects in the State of Bihar are covered by East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. 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)> Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

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), ₹ 4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 5,560 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹ 6,606 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 484% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 1,132 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1096 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 425 Km Gauge Conversion and 354 Km Doubling) projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate 137 Km/year, which is 115% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year Km).

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in the Ministry and Gati Shakti units in field, (ii) prioritisation of projects, (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iv) delegation of powers at field level, (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (vi) 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.
