

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1561
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

LAYING OF AMBIKAPUR-BARWADIH RENUKOOT RAIL LINE

†1561 SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the laying of Ambikapur-Barwadih and Renukoot rail route is likely to increase the economic activities as minerals like iron ore, bauxite, graphite of this region are in demand in the entire country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether after connecting these sections with rail line, the supply of minerals in the entire country is likely to become easier and it is likely to provide an alternative connectivity for the west, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether these rail lines are also likely to prove an alternative route to Gaya, Mughalsarai and Patna and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the survey work has been completed; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which the work of laying the railway line is going to be commenced?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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.1561 BY SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING LAYING OF AMBIKAPUR-BARWADIH RENUKOOT RAIL LINE

(a) to (e) Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links, logistics efficiency and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations including transportation of minerals etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Surveys for new rail line between Ambikapur-Renukoot (152 kms) and Ambikapur-Barwadih (200 kms) have been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

Gaya, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar(Mugalsarai) and Patna railway stations are already well connected through existing rail network.
