

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2753  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

**RAILWAY LINE PROJECT FROM BANKA TO SULTANGANJ, BIHAR**

**† 2753. SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of the proposed Railway line project from Banka to Sultanganj in Bihar;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start the said new railway line project in the financial year 2024-25; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): Banka and Sultanganj falling in the State of Bihar are already connected by Indian Railways network via Barhat Jn. and Bhagalpur Jn.**

**Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Constituency-wise as the Railway projects may span across State/Constituency boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.**

**Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing Rs. 79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned till March, 2024 (in Km)</b>	<b>Total Exp. upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.)</b>
<b>New Lines</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>13629</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1520</b>
<b>Doubling/Multi-tracking</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>11834</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5064</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>26983</b>

**The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>Rs. 1132 Cr./year</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Rs. 10,033 Cr. (Nearly 9 times)</b>

**The details of commissioning/ laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>318 Km</b>	<b>63.6 Km</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>361 Km</b>	<b>361 Km (More than 5 times)</b>

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