

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 361  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**SEVOKE-RANGPO RAILWAY PROJECT**

**361. DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA:**

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

- (a) the expected date of completion of Sevoke-Rangpo railway project;**
- (b) whether the Government has received or prepared any proposal for railway line project to connect the capital town Gangtok and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce Vande Bharat train after the completion of the project connecting Sevoke-Rangpo and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the total cost incurred on this project till date and the total projected cost till its completion?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 361 BY DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING SEVOKE-RANGPO RAILWAY PROJECT**

**(a), (b) and (d): Ministry of Railway has taken up the work of Sevoke-Rangpo (44 km) new line project. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹12,132 crore. An expenditure of ₹7,032 core has been incurred upto March, 2024, with an outlay of ₹2,330 crore for the year 2024-25.**

**The project involves about 39 km of tunneling, out of which 36 km. tunneling has been completed.**

**Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.**

**Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways,**

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**Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.**

**Final Location Survey (FLS) for Rangpo - Gangtok new line (69 Km.) project for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been sanctioned.**

**(c) Introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability etc.**

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