

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3867
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

EXPENSION OF NARKATIAGANJ-GAUNAHA RAILWAY SERVICE

† 3867. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the railway service from Narkatiaganj-Gaunaha to Bettiah via Bakhri Bazar-Harnatand-Valmikinagar-Bagha Lauriya by laying a new railway line for the development of the tribal dominated area of Valmikinagar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) : Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/district-wise/parliamentary constituency wise as the Railway projects may span across State/district/ parliamentary constituency boundaries. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic

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process of Indian Railway. 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 including connectivity to tribal dominated areas 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, Eastern Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Gaunaha is already connected to Narkatiaganj station which is further connected to Bettiah through existing rail line. Harnatand is served by Valmikinagar Road station. To further improve rail connectivity in the region, following projects have been recently sanctioned:-

S.No.	Project Name	Length (in Kms)	Cost (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Valmikinagar-Gorakhpur Doubling	96	1121
2.	Narkatiaganj-Raxaul-Sitamarhi-Darbhanga & Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur doubling	256	4080

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 including projects falling in Valmikinagar Parliamentary Constituency and Tribal dominated areas 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:-

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

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

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

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

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