

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINE FROM KISHANGARH TO
JALALGARH**

†426. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on sanctioned project for the construction of a new rail line from Kishangarh to Jalalgarh under the Northeast Frontier Railway in the Kosi Seemanchal Region, Bihar has not yet commenced;**
- (b) if so, the reason therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the construction of the new rail line from Kishangarh to Jalalgarh will significantly enhance connectivity to the 'Chicken's Neck' region thereby strengthening India's strategic position; and**
- (d) the time by when the construction work of the said rail line is likely to be commenced by the Government?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426 BY SHRI RAJESH RANJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINE FROM KISHANGARH TO JALALGARH

(a) to (d): 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 and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Jalalgarh-Kishanganj (51 Km) new line project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection. However, preparation of a fresh Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up to assess latest traffic projections and cost.

As on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway infrastructure projects (13 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:-

- (i) 13 New Line projects of total length of 896 km costing ₹64,873 crore, out of which 81 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹34,616 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

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(ii) 05 Doubling projects of total length of 472 km costing ₹10,099 crore, out of which 472 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,933 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of North East Region is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	333Km	66.66 km/year	-
2014-24	1728 Km	172.8 km/year	2.59 times
