

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2281  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**SULTANGANJ-BANKA RAIL LINE PROJECT**

**†2281. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:**

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

- (a) the total cost of Sultanganj-Banka rail line project in Bihar;**
- (b) the date on which the said project was sanctioned;**
- (c) the date-wise funds allocated for the said project along with the amounts thereof; and**
- (d) the time limit fixed by the Government for the completion of the said project?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) : Banka is already connected to Sultanganj via Barhat and Bhagalpur Junction. The direct connectivity from Banka to Sultanganj was sanctioned as a part of Deoghar-Banka-Sultanganj (116 Km) new line project. Deoghar-Banka (55 Km) has already been commissioned. Till Mar'24, an expenditure of Rs 639 Cr has been incurred on execution of this project.**

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**Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry 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. With above constraints, every effort is being made to complete these projects at the earliest.**

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