

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

TARAKESWAR - BISHNUPUR RAILWAY LINE IN WEST BENGAL

†3174. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the construction issue related to the 900-meter stretch of railway track at Bhabadighi in West Bengal, which has been stalled for years;**
- (b) the expected time-limit of completion of Maynapur Bara Gopinathpur section of Tarakeswar-Bishnupur (West Bengal) Railway Project and the present status of construction work on Bara Gopinathpur-Jairambati section; and**
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to address the remaining challenges in completing this railway line and ensure timely progress in connecting the Tarakeswar-Bishnupur section?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) : As on 01.04.2024, 43 projects (13 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 26 Doubling), of total length of 4479 Km, costing ₹60,168 crore falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal including

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those which are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1655 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,434 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	13	1087	322	9774
Gauge Conversion	4	1201	854	3663
Doubling/Multi-tracking	26	2192	479	6997
Total	43	4479	1655	20434

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs.4,380 Cr./year
2024-25	Rs.13,941 Cr. (More than 3 times)

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) 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.

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Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in West Bengal is as under:

Total Land required	4093 Ha
Land Acquired	1086 Ha (26.5%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3007 (73.5%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of West Bengal.

In Tarakeswar - Bishnupur (83 Km) New Line project, so far 64 Km section comprising of Tarakeswar - Goghat (34 Km) and Bishnupur - Mayonapur - Barogopinathpur (30 Km) has been commissioned. Works have been taken up on available land in balance Goghat - Kamarpukur - Barogopinathpur (19 Km) section. Bhabhadighi pond lies between Goghat - Kamarpukur (5.5 Km) section. Execution of work on this Goghat - Kamarpukur section has been held up since long due to law and order problem arising out of local public protest over filling up of Bhabhadighi pond. Railway is constantly in touch with State Government authority to resolve the issue but the issue is still unresolved. The Barogopinathpur-Jairambati (7 Km) section is in the advance stage of completion.

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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.
