

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3208  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

**NEW TRAIN SERVICE FROM SULTANGANJ TO KATORIA (BIHAR)**

**†3208. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether the new railway line project between Sultanganj-Katoria (Banka district) in Bihar was announced by the Government five years ago;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount spent on the said railway line so far; and**
- (c) the timeline by when the said project is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): The direct connectivity from Sultanganj to Katuria via Asarganj, Tarapur and Belhar new line project (77 Km) has been sanctioned. This project has been declared as a Special Railway Project for land acquisition. Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has also been nominated. Land acquisition for this project has been taken up.**

**Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:**

- Land acquisition by State Government**
- Forest clearance**
- Shifting of infringing utilities**

- **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
- **Geological and topographical conditions of area**
- **Law and order situation in the area of project site**
- **Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.**

**All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.**

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