

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015**

PATNA-DIGHA RAIL ROAD BRIDGE

1145. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of the work on Patna-Digha rail-road bridge and Ganga rail mega bridge in Munger and Kosi rail mega bridge in Nirmali alongwith the ongoing gauge conversion projects in Bihar;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and spent thereon; and**
- (c) the time-frame set for completion of the said projects?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1145 BY SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2015 REGARDING PATNA-DIGHA RAIL ROAD BRIDGE.

(a) to (c): The details in respect of works of Patna-Digha rail-cum-road bridge over river Ganga, Munger rail-cum-road bridge over river Ganga and Kosi rail mega bridge in Nirmali alongwith the ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in Bihar are as under:-

(₹ in crores)

S. No	Name of Project	Latest cost	Exp. upto Mar15	Outlay 2015-16	Present status
1	Patna-rail-cum-road Bridge on river Ganga (19 km)	3210	2493	350	Main bridge structure has been completed. Finishing works and approaches for railway link have been taken up. However, approaches for rail & road can be completed after complete handing over of land by the State Government.
2	Munger-rail-cum-road Bridge on river Ganga (14 km)	3040	1692	280	Main bridge structure has been completed. Finishing works and approaches for railway link have been taken up. However, approaches for rail & road can be completed after complete handing over of land by the State Government.
3	Kosi Bridge	425	320	30	The bridge is already completed. However, it can be commissioned only after completion of Sakri-Nirmali and Saharsa-Forbesganj Gauge Conversion project.
Gauge Conversion project					
1	Jaynagar-Bijalpura, incl. extn. between, Bijalpura-Bardibas (Nepal) (69km)	539	35	44	Final Location Survey has been completed. Land plans for Indian portion (3 km) have been submitted to the State Government. In Nepal portion (66 km), land has been handed over in 47 km in patches. Earthwork & bridgework have been taken up in the stretches where land is available.

S. No	Name of Project	Latest cost	Exp. upto Mar15	Outlay 2015-16	Present status
2	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiyaganj (260 km)	1044	804	50	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Raxaul section (218 km) has been opened for passenger traffic. In Raxaul-Sikta (18 km) section, track linking has been completed. In balance section, earthwork, bridges and ballast supply works have been taken up.
3	Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra (233 km)	819	588	210	Thawe-Siwan (28.5 km) and Kaptanganj-Thawe (99 km) have been completed. In Thawe-Chhapra section earthwork & bridge works have been taken up.
4	Katihar-Jogbani with ext.upto Radhikapur, Katihar-Tejnarayanpur & new MM for Raiganj-Dalkhola (43 km)	1426	750	50	Katihar-Radhikapur (93km), Jogbani-Katihar(108km) & Katihar-Tejnarayanpur (36 Km) sections have been commissioned. Raiganj-Dalkhola(43Km) new line section: preliminary activities have been taken up.
5	Mansi-Saharsa, incl.Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura-Purnia (143 km)	675	496	75	Mansi-Saharsa-Madhepura-Banmankhi (106 km) section has been commissioned. Track linking for Banmankhi-Krityanand nagar (22 km) section has been completed. Earthwork & bridge works have been taken up in remaining section.
6	Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali & Saharsa-Forbesganj (206km)	1209	339	00	This is a deposit work of Ministry of Defence. Earthwork & bridge works have been taken up on the project, as per the funds made available by the Ministry of Defence.

No time frame has been fixed for completion of these projects since progress of projects depends on several factors like land acquisition, forestry clearances, law and order problems, shifting of utilities etc. which are beyond control of Railways.
