

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2016**

EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

†1999. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand rail network in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any scheme/proposal of the Government to construct new railway line upto Chakia of Eastern Champaran district via Chhapra, Jalalpur, Baniyapur, Bhagwaanpur, Malmalia, Mohamadpur and Dumriaghat; and**
- (d) if so, the steps taken so far/proposed to be taken by the Government to construct above railway line?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For expanding railway network in the State of Bihar, Railways have taken up 44 major projects comprising 34 New Lines, four Doublings and six Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in Bihar at an anticipated cost of ₹42978 crore. An expenditure of ₹11531 crore has been incurred till March 2015 with an outlay of ₹2109 crore in 2015-16. In addition to this, nine doubling projects and one new line project falling fully/partly in Bihar have been included in Railway Budget 2015-16 & 2016-17 at an estimated cost of ₹10943 crore subject to requisite approval of Government. Railways have a huge throwforward and limited resource availability for completion of new

line projects. Hence a focussed approach has been adopted for completing these projects by prioritising. With the progressive commissioning of these projects, rail network in Bihar is bound to expand substantially.

(c) & (d): At present no such survey has been taken up by Railways. However, two Reconnaissance Engg-cum-Traffic Surveys (RETS) for laying New Lines originating from Chakia namely (i) Chakia-Bairgania (50 Km) via Madhubani, Phenhara and (ii) Chakia – Kesariya (Kaithwalia) (25 Km) have been taken up.
