

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2789  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.05.2016**

**DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE**

**†2789. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether there is an inordinate delay in the construction of Ranchi-Tori via Lohardaga railway line project;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Railways thereto;**
- (c) the time-limit fixed for the completion of this project; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) to (d): Gauge Conversion of Ranchi-Lohardaga with extension up to Tori as New Line was sanctioned in 1996-97 with an anticipated cost of ₹596 crore. Gauge Conversion of Ranchi-Lohardaga(67 Km) and extension from Lohardaga to Barkichampi(15 Km) have been commissioned. Works on 30 Km. long Barkichampi-Tori Section has been taken up and track-linking has been completed. The work got badly affected due to delays in forestry clearance and law & order problems in the area. However, regular co-ordination meetings with State Govt. etc. has helped in expediting the project.**

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