

- (c) No time-frame can be fixed as the project has not been sanctioned.

### **Pending railway projects in Bihar**

†2373. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many railway projects are lying pending in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the pending projects and the details of funds provided for them in this financial year to make these projects a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) 3 major long pending projects, viz., (i) Rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga at Patna, (ii) Rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga at Munger and (iii) Gauge conversion of Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra falling partly/fully in Bihar have been fully completed in 2015-16. Overall, Railways have taken up 54 major projects comprising 35 New Lines, 13 Doublings and 06 Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in Bihar. Details of all these projects including outlays for 2016-17 for these projects are as under:

| (₹ in crore)     |  |                         |                  |                |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Sl. No           | Name of Project  | Latest Anticipated cost | Exp. upto Mar'15 | Outlay 2016-17 |
| 1                | 2  | 3                       | 4                | 5              |
| <b>New Lines</b> |  |                         |                  |                |
| 1.               | Ara-Bhabua Road (122 km)                                   | 1931                    | 0.5              | 2              |
| 2.               | Araria-Galgolia (Thakurganj) (100km)                       | 828                     | 54               | 150            |
| 3.               | Araria-Supaul (92km)                                       | 1196                    | 0.29             | 2              |
| 4.               | Bariarpur-Mananpur via Kharagpur, Lachmipur-Barhat (68 km) | 826                     | 14               | 0.50           |
| 5.               | Bihta-Aurangabad via Anugrahanarayan Road (118 km)         | 2042                    | 2                | 2              |
| 6.               | Chhapra-Muzaffarpur (85km)                                 | 1100                    | 112              | 20             |
| 7.               | Chhitauni-Tumkuhi Road (58.88 km)                          | 535                     | 32               | 25             |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| 1   | 2  | 3    | 4    | 5      |
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| 8.  | Darbhanga-Kusheshwarasthan (70km)  | 912  | 5.45 | 1      |
| 9.  | Dehri on Sone-Banjari (36.4 km)  | 590  | 3.76 | 5      |
| 10. | Deoghar-Sultanganj including Banka-Barahat and Banka-Bhitiah Road (147km) *  | 1315 | 575  | 30     |
| 11. | Fatuha-Islampur incl. MM for extension of NL from Daniawan to Biharsharif, Biharsharif to Barbigaha, Barbigaha to Shekhpura (172 km) | 516  | 474  | 51     |
| 12. | Gaya-Bodhgaya-Chatra, Gaya-Natesar (Nalanda) (97km)  | 500  | 15   | 2      |
| 13. | Gaya-Daltonganj via Rafiganj (137 km)  | 859  | 1.24 | 1      |
| 14. | Hajipur-Sagauli via Vaishali (148 km)  | 1051 | 221  | 100    |
| 15. | Hathua-Bhatni (80 km)  | 230  | 151  | 25     |
| 16. | Jalalgarh-Kishanganj (50 km)   | 565  | 7    | 10     |
| 17. | Jogbani-Biratnagar (Nepal) (18 km)   | 394  | 220  | 100    |
| 18. | Khagaria-Kusheshwarasthan (44 km)  | 538  | 147  | 30     |
| 19. | Koderma-Tilaiya (68 km)  | 649  | 260  | 100    |
| 20. | Kosi Bridge (22 km)  | 425  | 320  | 60     |
| 21. | Kursela-Bihariganj (35 km)   | 455  | 0.49 | 1      |
| 22. | Maharajganj-Masrakh (35 km) with MM for New Line between Masrakh-Rewaghat (30 km)  | 250  | 216  | 50     |
| 23. | Motihari-Sitamarhi (77 km)   | 997  | 4.51 | 20     |
| 24. | Munger-rail-cum-road Bridge on river Ganga (14 km)   | 3040 | 1692 | 375    |
| 25. | Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga (67 km)  | 870  | 0.68 | 1      |
| 26. | Muzaffarpur-Katra-Orai-Janakpur Road (66 km)   | 865  | 1.58 | 1      |
| 27. | Nawada-Laxmipur (137 km)   | 1950 | 0.5  | 1      |
| 28. | Patna-Ganga bridge with linking lines between Patna and Hajipur (rail cum road bridge) (19 km)                                       | 3210 | 2493 | 221    |
| 29. | Rajgir-Hisua-Tilaiya (46 km) & Natesar-Islampur (21 km)  | 458  | 333  | 75     |
| 30. | Rampurhat-Mandarhill via Dumka (130 km) with new MM for Rampurhat-Murari (29 km)- 3rd line   | 908  | 825  | 200.35 |
| 31. | Sakri-Hasanpur (79 km)   | 655  | 256  | 30     |

| 1                       | 2  | 3      | 4    | 5    |
|-------------------------|--|--------|------|------|
| 32.                     | Sitamarhi-Jayanagar-Nirmali via Susand (188 km)  | 2444   | 18   | 1    |
| 33.                     | Sultanganj-Katuria via Asarganj, Tarapur & Belhar (75km)   | 939    | 10   | 2    |
| 34.                     | Pirpainti-Jasidih (97 km)  | 1536   | 0.35 | 50   |
| 35.                     | Vikramshila - Katareah (Pirpainty-Naugachia) (18 km)*  | 1601   | 00   | 0.02 |
| <b>Doubling</b>         |  |        |      |      |
| 1.                      | Chhapra-Ballia Patch Doubling (65 km)  | 544    | 5    | 180  |
| 2.                      | Katreah-Kursela patch Doubling incl. bridge on river Kosi (7 km)                                       | 99     | 2    | 32   |
| 3.                      | Pirpainti-Bhagalpur (59 km)  | 332    | 15   | 84   |
| 4.                      | Hajipur-Ramdayalu (48 km)  | 367    | 10   | 160  |
| 5.                      | Hajipur-Bachwara (72 km)*  | 678    | 00   | 70   |
| 6.                      | Samastipur-Darbhanga (38 km)*  | 491    | 00   | 45   |
| 7.                      | Kiul-Gaya (123 km)*  | 1200   | 00   | 125  |
| 8.                      | Rampur Dumra-Tal-Rajendrapul-Addl bridge and doubling (14 km)*   | 1491   | 00   | 51   |
| 9.                      | Dhanbad-Sonnagar 3rd line (277 km)*  | 4500   | 00   | 250  |
| 10.                     | Karota Patner - Mankatha - Surface triangle line (10 km)*  | 130.90 | 00   | 0.02 |
| 11.                     | Sagauli - Valmikinagar (109.7 km)*   | 744.04 | 00   | 0.02 |
| 12.                     | Gaya - Bypass line for Manpur (2 km)*  | 12.56  | 00   | 0.02 |
| 13.                     | Muzaffarpur - Sagauli (100.6 km)*  | 731.64 | 00   | 0.02 |
| <b>Gauge Conversion</b> |  |        |      |      |
| 1.                      | Jaynagar-Bijalpura, incl. extn. between Bijalpura-Bardibas (Nepal)(69km)                               | 539    | 35   | 50   |
| 2.                      | Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj (268 km)   | 1044   | 804  | 60   |
| 3.                      | Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra (233 km)  | 819    | 589  | 30   |
| 4.                      | Katihar-Jogbani with ext. upto Radhikapur, Katihar-Teinarayanpur & new MM for Raiganj-Dalkhola (43 km) | 1426   | 750  | 10   |
| 5.                      | Mansi-Saharsa incl. Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura-Purnia (143 km)   | 675    | 496  | 40   |
| 6.                      | Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali & Saharsa-Forbesganj (206km)   | 1209   | 339  | 100  |

\* These projects are subject to obtaining requisite approvals of Government.

To fast track the completion of above projects fund allotment has been substantially enhanced in 2015-16 and 2016-17. However, apart from availability of funds completion of project depends upon several other factors like complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, etc. which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.

#### **Train services between Jharkhand and Southern States**

2374. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people travel from Jharkhand to Southern States for medical purposes;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the waiting time for getting a confirmed ticket is very long; and
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to increase/start new train services between Jharkhand and Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) State-wise and journey purpose-wise details of number of passengers is not maintained.

(b) In the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS), available reserved accommodation is booked on first come first served basis. During peak rush periods/days and on popular routes, the available confirmed accommodation gets booked within short span of time after the opening of reservation. However, during lean period and over less popular routes, confirmed accommodation is available for a comparatively longer period. The time elapsed for a waitlisted ticket to get confirmed also vary during peak period and lean period.

(c) Indian Railways do not run new train services on State-wise basis as Railway network and train operations between originating and terminating stations lying on various Zonal Railways cut across State boundaries. This is an ongoing process subject to traffic demand, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. However, a new weekly service between Hatia and Ernakulam serving the State of Jharkhand and southern States has been planned for introduction.

#### **Platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station**

2375. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have announced to enhance the platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station; and