

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) There is already an existing broad gauge line from Bareilly to Bhojipura. Further, gauge conversion of Bhojipura-Pilibhit-Khatima-Tanakpur section has been taken up. On this section, track linking in Bhojipura-Pilibhit section (39 km.) has been completed and inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has been done on 10.11.2016.

(b) and (c) There is no delay as completion of any project is dependent upon many factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services utilities, cutting of trees, construction of road-over-bridges and road-under-bridges by road maintaining agencies, apart from availability of adequate funds. Many of these factors are beyond the control of Railways.

However, introduction of trains is a continuous process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic demand, operational feasibility, resources availability, competing demands, etc.

Construction of ROBs in Bihar

†2047. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the station-wise pending proposals for construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in Bihar;

(b) the status of the progress thereof; and

(c) the time period fixed for completing construction work thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Station-wise data of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) is not being maintained. Moreover, there are 140 ROBs proposed to be constructed in the State of Bihar. Out of 140 ROBs, 19 ROBs are fully completed and at 03 ROBs, Railway portion has also been completed. Consent for 52 Nos. of ROBs on cost sharing basis is still awaited from State Government of Bihar. Works for construction of remaining ROBs are at various stages of planning, estimation and invitation of tender. So far as time schedule for completion of ROBs is concerned, funds for Road Safety Works (ROBs/RUBs/Subways/Level Crossings) come from Central Road Funds (CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Diesel and Petrol by Ministry of Finance. The progress of works is commensurate with the availability of funds.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.