

Doubling of railway line from Bachhwara to Barauni

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

(a) whether Government has approved doubling of railway lines from Bachhwara to Barauni junction *via* Hajipur to Patoree under Hajipur Zone, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a time-frame has been fixed for doubling the railway line from Hajipur *via* Patoree, Bachhwara upto Barauni, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) There is already a Broad Gauge double line between Bachhwara and Barauni (17 km.) and work of doubling on Hajipur-Bachhwara *via* Shahpur Patoree (72 km.) has been included in Railway Budget 2015-16 at a cost of ₹ 679 crore.

As a railway project requires a number of clearances like shifting of utilities, construction of Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge by road owning agencies, land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances etc. which are beyond the control of Railways, it is not possible to fix timelines for completion of this project.

New railway line *via* Amaravati

297. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from South Central Railway to lay new railway line from Nambur Junction *via* Amaravati connecting Vijayawada-Kazipet section at Errupalem;

(b) whether survey for new railway line from Amaravati *via* Pedakurapadu and Sattenapalli connecting Narsaraopet in Guntur district has commenced;

(c) if so, the railway stations proposed to come up on the line between Nambur and Errupalem and online connecting Amaravati to Narsaraopet;

(d) the proposed estimates for completion of these two new lines; and

(e) the timelines to complete the new railway lines and commencement of operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal for a new railway line from Nambur Junction *via* Amaravati connecting Vijayawada – Kazipet section at Errupalem has been received.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.