

Joint ventures of CIL with Railways for coal evacuation

4538. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway infrastructure projects are being constructed by Joint Venture companies formed by Railways and Coal India Limited (CIL) for the growth in production of coal in future, if so, the details and the current progress thereof;

(b) the status of the railway links announced by Singareni Collieries Company Limited for coal evacuation; and

(c) whether there are other projects which the Ministry has collaborated with Ministry of Railways in the recent times for transportation of coal, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes Sir. Railway infrastructure projects are constructed by Joint Venture companies formed by Railways and Coal India Limited (CIL) for the growth in production and offtake of coal. Joint venture companies have been formed for development and operations of Railway Projects for the evacuation of the coal from the mines of CCL, MCL and SECL. Joint venture companies were formed by respective coal company, IRCON (participating on behalf of Railway), and Government of respective state *i.e.* Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh with equity participation of 64:24:10 respectively.

The projects taken up by various joint venture companies are as follows:

1. Jharkhand Central Railway Limited (JCRL) in Jharkhand
 - Shiyapur-Kathotia rail line (49.085 km) to be completed by March 2020.
2. Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL) in Odisha
 - **1st PHASE of Angul-Balram-Jarpada-Tentuloi link at Talcher Coalfield of MCL (69.10 km.)** - consists of Jharpada-Kalinga-Ahgul link (14.22 km.); Phase-I work is estimated at a cost of ₹ 1300.00 Crore (approx.) excluding the cost of land. This includes the work of single line connectivity with future provision of doubling and scheduled to be completed by Dec., 2018.
 - **2nd PHASE:** Tentuloi- Budhapunk - as phase - II (136 km. approx.) to be completed by Dec., 2020.

3. Chhattisgarh East Rail Corridor:

- East Rail Corridor Phase 1 - Kharsia- Dharamjaigarh with Spur to Gare-Pelma and 3 Feeder Lines, Length: 132 km at an estimated cost of ₹ 3055 Crore. Planned completion by Sep 2018.
- East Rail Corridor Phase 2: Dharamjaigarh - Korba, length of about 62.5 km. The estimated cost is ₹ 1555 Crore. The DPR is under finalization.

4. Chhattisgarh East-West Rail Corridor:

- Gevra Road to Pendra via Dipka, Katghora, Sindurgarh and Pasan has a length of 135 km. Uрга- Kusmunda has a length of about 16 km and Feeder Lines of about 35 km. The estimated cost of the project is ₹ 4970 Crore. Planned completion by March 2020.

(b) Status of railway links announced by SCCL which are being executed by Railways on deposit basis:

- **Bhadrachalani Road to Sattupalli Railway line**

- Total length of track: 53.20 km at a cost of ₹ 704.30 Crore. (SCCL share- ₹ 618.55 Crore & S.C.Railways share - ₹ 85.76 Crore)
- Amount so far deposited by SCCL to SCR is ₹ 156.38 Crore and balance amount will be paid as and when demanded by Railways,
- Tenders for construction of minor bridges, major bridges and other related works are awarded.
- Land acquisition by S.C. Railways in progress.

- **Goleti Railway siding:**

- Total length of track: 3.50 km. at a cost of ₹ 28.00 Crore.
- Work completed. Rolling stock moved on 07.02.2018.

Status of other Railway projects being executed by SCCL currently:

- **Railway line for 2X600MW STPP Jaipur:**

- Total length of track: 33.00 km. at a cost of ₹ 452.65 Crore.

- Earth work formation, CD works, RoBs/ RUBs, Procurement of Permanent way materials completed. Track linking work is in progress,
- Expected to complete by 2018-19.
- **Railway line from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem**
 - Total length of track: 9.30 km at a cost of ₹ 81.31 Crore.
 - DPR approved by Railways.
 - Land acquisition including forest land is in process.
- **Railway siding for KK1 CHP, Mandamarri:**
 - Total length of track: 8.50 km. at a cost of ₹ 65.90 Crore.
 - DPR submitted to Railways for approval.

(c) CIL on behalf of MoC has also undertaken construction of railway lines on 'deposit-basis' with the Indian Railway other than the JVs, the details of which are as follows:

- *Tori- Shivpur Rail Link:* Project involves rail connectivity for a length of 44.37 km. for catering to North Karanpura coalfield of CCL. The estimated cost of the project is ₹ 2399 Crore (approx.). The project is being implemented by EC Railways on deposit basis. Construction of rail line upto Balumath (19.37 km.) is complete and was inaugurated on 09.03.2018. Anticipated completion of rail line upto Bukru (26.3 km. from Tori) was by March 2018. EC Railway has revised the time line for completion of rail line work up to Shivpur (*i.e.* 44 km.) *i.e.* by June 2018.
- *Jharsuguda- Barpali- Sardega Rail Link (length of 52.412 km.):* Project involves rail connectivity for catering to Ib-Basundhara coalfields of MCL. The Revised Project cost is ₹ 1044 Crore (with signaling). The project was implemented by SE Railways. All rail linking work has been completed and is likely to be commissioned shortly after statutory clearances.

Payment of dividend by CIL

4539. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) is considering to give a dividend of ₹ 8044 crore for the fiscal year 2017-18;