

(b) whether the officials of Railways have worked out an action plan to curb such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are as under:—

Year	Wild life including elephants killed on the railway tracks
2015	19
2016	29
2017	25
2018 (upto November, 2018)	34

(b) An action plan has been worked out by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest to curb the death of wild animals and elephants while crossing railway track which includes the following:—

- (i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,
- (ii) Provision of signage board to warn loco pilots about identified elephant corridors,
- (iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,
- (iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,
- (v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations,
- (vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations, and,
- (vii) Forest Department staff deputed in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway and elephant trackers engaged by forest dept. for timely action by alerting station master and loco pilots.

#### **Construction of railway from Lohardaga to Gumla**

†1902. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for constructing railway line from Lohardaga to Gumla (Manjhatoli border of Chhattisgarh) in Jharkhand is under consideration; and

(b) if so, whether any proposal is under consideration to include this line in the next railway budget?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) A survey for a new line from Lohardaga to Korba *via* Gumla (326 km.) has been sanctioned in December, 2018 and preliminary survey work has been taken up.

**Completion of doubling of railway lines in Bihar**

†1903. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval for the doubling of railway line from Hajipur to Ramdayalu in Muzaffarnagar and from Samastipur to Darbhanga was given in 2013-14;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard: and

(c) whether there is any possibility of doubling work of this line being completed within its time-limit and if so, by when the task of laying the double line would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Hajipur-Ramdayalu Nagar Doubling and Samastipur-Darbhanga Doubling projects were sanctioned in 2013-14 and 2015-16 respectively. Details of these projects along with status thereof are as under:—

(₹ in crores)

Sl. No	Project	Latest anticipated cost	Outlay 18-19	Present Status
1.	Hajipur-Ramdayalu Nagar (48 km.) Doubling	367	50	Hajipur-Ghoshwar (5 km.) and Ramdayalu-Kurhani (14 km.) sections have been commissioned. Works have been taken up on balance section of the project.
2.	Samastipur-Darbhanga (38 km.) Doubling	519	50	Works have been taken up.

Completion of project depends upon several factors including, land acquisition, statutory clearances, shifting of utilities, etc. Since most of these factors are beyond

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