

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Ratlam-Dungarpur rail line

767. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara rail line has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding original estimated cost of the said rail line and the shares of Central Government and Rajasthan State Government in the cost;

(d) the details regarding escalation in cost over time and the present estimated cost; and

(e) the details regarding present status of construction of the said rail line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara (188.85 Km) new line project was sanctioned in 2011-12 with the proviso to share 50% of the final construction cost of the project and providing land free of cost by the State Government of Rajasthan. The abstract cost of the project was ₹2082.75 crores, which has now increased to ₹4079.15 crores.

The total requirement of land for the project is 1736 Hectares, out of which, Government of Rajasthan has handed over only 646 Hectares land to Railway and deposited only ₹200 crores as part of construction cost of the project.

Since as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Railways and Government of Rajasthan, the Government of Rajasthan has neither provided the total land required for this project nor deposited their share to Railways, hence, the project is presently held up on account of the same.

Reconstruction / strengthening of railway bridges

768. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have evolved any parameters for reconstruction / strengthening of railway bridges including over bridges in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways is aware that the people of Khetasarai (Jaunpur) in Uttar Pradesh are facing immense problems due to non-availability of railway crossing / over bridge in that area;
- (d) if so, whether any inspection has been carried out by Railways in that particular area, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken by Railways for sanctioning railway bridges across the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) As on 01.04.2019, there are 1,50,746 Railway Bridges and 3199 Road over Bridges (ROBs) on Indian Railways' network. The ROBs are given the same attention as given to Railway Bridges. There is a well-established system of inspection of railway bridges in Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon by the designated officials. After inspection, every bridge is assigned an Overall Rating Number (ORN) and based on the ORN of bridge rebuilding/strengthening is undertaken.

(c) and (d) No representation has been received about problem being faced by the people of Kheta Sarai (Jaunpur) due to non-availability of Railway Phatak/Over Bridge in the area. However, Level Crossing (LC) No. 55C exists at Kheta Sarai station in West Yard. This LC qualifies for its replacement by ROB on cost-sharing basis as traffic density is more than one lakh. Accordingly, State Government has been requested to submit necessary consents for sharing of cost and closure of LC. But, no proposal in this regard has been received from State Government so far.

(e) The data are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise. The State of Uttar Pradesh is covered under five Railway Zones, *i.e.* East Central, Northern, North Central, North Eastern and West Central. As on 01.04.2019, a total of 4168 Bridges were sanctioned for repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding in the Indian Railways' network. The Zone-wise breakup of the bridges sanctioned in the above five Zones, covering Uttar Pradesh, is as under:

Zonal Railways	East Central	Northern	North Central	North Eastern	West Central
No. of Bridges Sanctined	575	338	172	18	291