

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 602**  
**ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021**

**BROAD GAUGE LINK BETWEEN JAYANAGAR AND KURTHA**

602 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a broad gauge link of 34 kilometer stretch between Jayanagar of Bihar and Kurtha (Dhanusa) district of Nepal is ready since 2018 at a cost of ₹550 crores;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of railway coaches, rail service is not operational; and
- (c) if so, by when the said train operation is proposed to get started?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Jaynagar(India) - Kurtha (Nepal) section, part of Jaynagar-Bijalpura including extension between Bijalpura-Bardibas Gauge Conversion project has been completed in Oct, 2018. Cost of the project is ₹548 Cr.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): 2 sets of 1600 HP Diesel–Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) Rake have been purchased by Govt of Nepal from Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL). Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for operationalisation of section has been prepared and shared with Nepal Railways through Ministry of External Affairs for their comments which have not been received.

As such, firm date of start of train operations cannot be indicated at this stage.

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