

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2044
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

PENDING AND ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

2044# SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of pending and ongoing railway projects in Bihar;
- (b) by when funds would be allocated to projects which have been stalled due to lack of funds, such as Narkatiaganj Bhikhna Thori rail line; and
- (c) the status of Chhitauni Tamkuhi rail line project?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2044 BY SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING PENDING AND ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2020, 57 projects (35 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 17 doublings), costing ₹ 74,880 crore, covering a length of 5267 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1306 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹22,123 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

Since 2014-15, 17 projects of 1180 Km length costing ₹ 13,259 crore, falling fully/partly in Bihar, have been completed and commissioned and also, during this period 18 projects of 1,412 Km length costing ₹ 16,833 crore, falling fully/partly in Bihar, have been included in Budget.

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar during 2014-19, has increased to ₹ 3,061 crore per year from ₹ 1,132 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 170% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹ 4,489 crore was provided for financial year 2020-21 which is 297% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹ 5150 crore has been provided for these works which is 355% more with respect to average budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-19, 695 Km length (240 Km New Lines, 280 Km Gauge Conversion and 175 Km Doubling) projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned which is 119% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (318 Km). During 2019-20, 231 Km length (64 Km New Lines, 45 Km Gauge Conversion and 122 Km Doubling) has been commissioned which is 261% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

(b): At present no Railway project is stalled due to lack of fund. Railway Board has reviewed all ongoing New line, Gauge Conversion & Doubling projects and prioritised projects. Funds allotment to projects are made on the basis of priority of projects, last mile connectivity, progress of land acquisition and forestry clearance, requirement projected by Railway and overall availability of funds etc.

Narkatiaganj – Bhiknatori Gauge Conversion section is part of Jaynagar-Darbhang-Narkatiaganj-Bhikhanatori (294 Km) Gauge Conversion project. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹1100 Cr. An expenditure of ₹1042 Cr. has been incurred upto 31.03.2020. An Outlay of ₹30 Cr. has been provided for the Current financial year 2020-21 for this project. Jaynagar-Narkatiaganj (260 Km) section has already been commissioned. Work has been taken up on Narkatiaganj-Gaunaha (22 km) section. Work on Gaunaha-Bhikhanatori (12 Km) section has not been taken up as Forest Department/Government of Bihar has declared this section as protected forest.

(c): Chhitauni-Tamkuhi Road is a part of Paniyhwa – Chhitauni – Tamkuhi Road (62.55 Km) new line project, which was included in the Budget 2006-07. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹895 Cr. An expenditure of ₹112 Cr. has been incurred upto March, 2020.

Work in Paniyahwa-Chhitauni (3.7 Km) has been completed. Land acquisition in balance section of Chhitauni – Tamkuhi Road (58.55 Km) has been taken up. As per prioritization, Chhitauni-Tamkuhi Road New line project is a lesser priority project.