

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 614**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021**

**RAILWAY TRACK DOUBLING**

**614 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work of doubling of Digha-Sonepur railway track was to be completed by March 2020;
- (b) the quantum of funds to be spent alongwith the funds already spent on the said scheme; and
- (c) the budgetary allocation for the year 2021-22 for the said project and the timeline by which it is targeted to be completed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 614 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.07.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY TRACK DOUBLING**

(a) to (c): Doubling of Digha-Sonepur Railway track is a part of Patliputra-Pahleza Doubling Material Modification (MM) of Rail cum road bridge over the river Ganga (19 km) at Patna. The main project of Rail cum road bridge over the river Ganga at Patna has already been completed and commissioned. MM work was sanctioned in the year 2016-17 at a cost of ₹158.54 crore. Works have been taken up. An expenditure of ₹88.27 crore has been incurred on the project. An outlay of ₹50 crore has also been provided for the current financial year 2021-22.

Completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site, etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project. As such, no confirmed timeline of completion of the project can be ascertained at this stage.

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar during 2014-19, has been enhanced 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 these projects 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 ₹ 5,150 crore has been provided for these works, which is 355% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 968 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 345 Km Gauge Conversion and 306 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar has been commissioned in the state at an average rate of 138.29 Km/year, which is 117% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

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