

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1574
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021

BROAD GAUGE CONSTRUCTION IN ECR

1574 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the cost of construction of broad gauge railway line from Darbhanga to Forbesganj of East Central Railways (ECR) and the funds spent till date;
- (b) the details of its physical and financial progress thereof;
- (c) the railway stations which are included under this railway section;
- (d) the distance that would be reduced from Hajipur to New Jalpaigudi with this construction; and
- (e) the targeted timeline for the completion of this work?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1574 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.12.2021 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE CONSTRUCTION IN ECR

(a) & (b): There is no project for construction of broad gauge railway line from Darbhanga to Forbesganj. However, broad gauge railway line already exists from Darbhanga to Sakri and Gauge Conversion work from Sakri to Forbesganj has been taken up as a part of Sakri-Nirmali-Jhanjharpur-Laukaha Bazar & Saharsa – Forbesganj (206 Km) Gauge Conversion (GC) project which was sanctioned in the year 2004-05. Anticipated cost of the projects is ₹1471 crore. An expenditure of ₹1238 crore has been incurred upto March'2021. An outlay of ₹250 crore has also been provided for the current financial year 2021-22.

So far, GC of Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Tumuria (29 Km) section of Sakri-Nirmali leg and Saharsha-Garhbaruari-Supaul-Saraigarh-Raghopur-Lalitgram (83 Km) section of Saharsa-Forbesganj leg of the GC project has been commissioned. Work has been taken up on remaining portion of the project.

(c): There are 27 stations between Darbhanga and Forbesganj namely Kakarghati, Bijali Halt, Tar Sarai, Shaheed Suraj Narayan Singh Halt, Sakri Jn., Manigachi, Mandan Mishra Halt, Lohna Road, Jhanjharpur Jn., Mithiladeep Halt, Tamuria, Nemua Halt, Chinkna Halt, Ghoghardiha, Parsa Basuari Halt, Nirmali, Asanpur Kupha Halt, Sarayagarh, Narayanpur Murli Halt, Raghopur, Rambishanpur Halt, Pratapganj, Lalitgram, Chhatapur RD, Narpatganj, Deviganj Halt and Chakardaha Halt

(d): Distance from Hajipur to New Jalpaiguri via Darbhanga, Forbesganj, Katihar, Barsoi is not going to be reduced on completion of gauge conversion of Sakri-Nirmali-Forbesganj rail line section with route Km length as 573 Km. Existing route Km length from Hajipur to New Jalpaiguri via Barauni, Khagaria, Katihar is 451 Km.

(e): Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, 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 due to climatic conditions, etc. All these factors vary from project to project and affect the completion time of the project/s. As such, no confirmed timeline of completion of the project/s can be ascertained at this stage. Nevertheless, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.
