

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 464
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

BIHTA-AURANGABAD RAILWAY LINE

464 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone of Bihta-Aurangabad railway line of East Central Railway was laid in the year 2007 at Paliganj in Patna;
- (b) the cost of this project and the number and names of the stations provided between Bihta-Aurangabad;
- (c) the year-wise details of budgetary provision made and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and
- (d) the reasons for the delay in this project and by when the work will be started?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 464 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.02.2022 REGARDING BIHTA-AURANGABAD RAILWAY LINE

(a): Bihta-Aurangabad (120 Km) new rail line project was included in Budget in the year 2007-08 and foundation stone was laid on 16.10.2007 at Paliganj in Patna.

(b): As per current estimates, the cost of the project is ₹ 4,075 crore. There are 14 proposed stations between Bihta and Aurangabad namely Bikram, Dulhan Bazar, Paliganj, Bara, Arwal, Khabhani, Sawajpura, Kaler, Samsher Nagar, Daudnagar, Aranda, Obra, Anugrah Narayan Road and Bharthauli.

(c): Details of outlay made and expenditure incurred on execution of this project during last three years are available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Pink Book (Year) > Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & 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 allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹ 4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 5,560 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹ 5150 crore and additional allotment ₹ 410 crore} has been provided for these projects, which is 391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 1,132 crore per year).

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 at an average rate of 138.29 Km/year, which is 117% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year).

(d): Presently, execution of project has been kept on low priority in view of available routes in adjoining areas i.e. Ara-Sasaram line and Patna-Gaya double line.
