## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3492 ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

#### PROGRESS OF BHANUPLI BILASPUR LEH RAILWAY LINE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

#### 3492. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made so far on the process of survey/construction of Bhanupli Bilaspur Leh Railway line in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the total budget sanctioned for the project along with the expected date of work commencement; and
- (c) the details of the railway stations to be established in the route of the railway line in Himachal territory?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri (63.10 km) new line project was approved by Cabinet Committee in Economic Affairs (CCEA) in Feb 2008 on cost sharing basis with Government of Himachal Pradesh. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹6753.42 crore. The works of the project have been taken up.

Bilaspur-Manali-Leh (489 km) new line project is identified as strategic line by Ministry of Defence. Final Location Survey (FLS) of Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line project has been completed and Detailed Project Report has been prepared and submitted to Ministry of Defence. The project is not sanctioned, as such, no time line can be fixed for its commencement.

(c) Railway stations to be established on the route of Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri railway line in Himachal territory are Dharot, Jagatkhana, Bilaspur & Beri in District Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

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