

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3677
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

SURVEY OF SEONI-KATANGI RAIL LINES

†3677. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway lines that have been completed along with the details of the routes found feasible after survey and the time by which the work is likely to be started on the rail lines which have been found feasible;**
- (b) whether any route has been surveyed in Seoni Balaghat district under Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (c) if so, whether it has been found feasible;**
- (d) if so, the time by which its work is likely to be started;**
- (e) whether approval has been given for the survey of Seoni to Katangi rail line, if so, the status of feasibility thereof;**
- (f) whether the permission for its detailed survey is likely to be granted; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3677 BY DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING SURVEY OF SEONI-KATANGI RAIL LINES

(a): As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways, 183 New line projects of total length 20,937 Km, costing approx. ₹4.0 lakh crore, are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 2,831 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

During the last three years and current year i.e. FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (upto February'2023), 2565 km of New line sections have been commissioned across Indian Railways.

The Zone wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

In the last three years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and in the current Financial year 2022-23 (upto February'2023), 286 surveys for New Lines of a total length of 19,778 km have been completed throughout the country and 102 projects (21 New Line, 13 Gauge Conversion and 68 Doubling) of total length 3,177 km, costing ₹ 43,959 crore have been sanctioned.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s). As such the confirmed time frame for completion of projects cannot be ascertained at this stage. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

(b) to (g): New Railway line projects are surveyed/ sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not district-wise/ Parliamentary constituency wise as the Railways' surveys/projects may span across state boundaries.

16 New line surveys of total length 2679 km falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh including Seoni and Balaghat districts have been completed in the last three years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and in the current Financial year 2022-23. Survey for new line between Seoni and Katangi (92 km) was sanctioned in FY 2020-21. Survey of this line has been taken up.

New Rail line projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. Sanction of Railway infrastructure projects in areas which are not connected by Railway network is a continuous and ongoing process in Indian Railways.