

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

**†1081. SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects announced for implementation in Bihar during the last three years, zone-wise;**
- (b) the details of new railway projects that have been started and the estimated amount required for completion of these projects; and**
- (c) the status of the projects which have not been started yet and the time by which the work on the said projects is likely to be started?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1081 BY SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI AND SHRI SUNIL KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

(a) to (c) : Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' network may span across State/District boundaries. However, during last three year i.e. 2020-21 to 2022-23 and current Financial Year 2023-24, 03 Railway projects costing ₹ 313 crore, covering 18 Km length under East Central Railway, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been included in the budget.

As on 01.04.2023, 54 Railway projects (32 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 18 doublings), costing ₹ 70,672 crore, covering total length of 4,950 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 1,505 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 25,702 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Execution of any Railway project 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 site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, etc.

Railway Infrastructure Projects in the States of Bihar are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay 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)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. 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, which is 170% more than Average Annual Budget allocation of ₹ 1,132 crore per year during 2009-14. The allocation has been increased to ₹ 4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 5,560 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 6,606 crore in Financial Year 2022-23 (484% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2023-24, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹ 8,505 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 651% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 1,132 crore per year).

During 2014-23, 1308 Km (347 km New line, 475 km Gauge conversion and 486 km Doubling) sections, falling fully/partly in the state of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate 145.33 km per year, which is 129% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/Yr.)
