

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LOHARDAGA-TORI NEW RAIL LINE PROJECT
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of extension work of new rail line between Lohardaga and Tori;
- (b) whether the work on the said project is running as per schedule;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of this project; and
- (e) the allocations made for this work in current budget 2003-04?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Extension work of new line between Lohardaga and Tori is a part of Ranchi– Lohardaga gauge conversion project. Land acquisition is in progress on Lohardaga–Tori section, where full requisition for land measuring 596 acres has been submitted to the State Government. An amount of Rs. 4.10 crore towards the cost of land has been submitted to State Government. Tenders for earthwork have been processed and Bridgework has been taken up.

(b) to (d): The entire project of Ranchi–Lohardaga gauge conversion with extension of the new line up to Tori is being implemented through cost sharing with the State Government for its early completion. The Lohardaga–Tori new line segment is targeted for completion in 2004, subject to the timely availability of resources and land. There has been delay in handing over of land by the State Government. However, the State Government is being actively pursued to expedite the same.

(e): There is no separate budgetary provision for Lohardaga–Tori new line portion of work. Budget outlay proposed for the entire project is Rs. 17.34 crore during the year 2003–04. In addition, Rs. 34 crore will be the share of Jharkhand Government as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with them.