

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:834
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2009
DOUBLING OF MANKAPUR TO BASTI RAILWAY SECTION
Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal for doubling of rail section between Mankapur-Basti-Gorakhpur-Deoria in North-Eastern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is targeted to be completed;
- (c) the reasons for delay;
- (d) whether entire amount of funds has been released for the purpose;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether electrification work of the aforesaid railway line from Barabanki to Chapra via Gorakhpur is also proposed to be carried out under the same rail section; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be completed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 834 BY SHRI MOHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2009 REGARDING DOUBLING OF MANKAPUR TO BASTI RAILWAY SECTION:

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of doubling projects between Mankapur-Deoria and their target date for completion are as under:

S. No.	Section	Target date for completion
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1.	Mankapur-Babhnan	31.03.2009
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2.	Babhnan-Domingarh	2009-10
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3.	Domingarh -Gorakhpur Cantt.	completed
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4.	Gorakhpur Cantt.-Kusmhi	31.03.2009
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5.	Kusmhi-Siwan	2009-10.
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(c): The delay in completion of the projects is on account of steep rise in steel and cements prices, delay in forestry clearance including cutting of trees, no response to the tenders and heavy & extended monsoon during 2008-09.

(d) & (e): Funds for the projects are allocated year to year as per requirements.

(f) & (g): Yes, Sir. The electrification work of Barabanki to Chapra via Gorakhpur is in progress and likely to be completed by March, 2012.