

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4362  
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2010  
EXTENSION OF RAIL SERVICES  
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have entered into any agreement with Nepal in extending its rail services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the amount involved, therein;
- (c) whether any time frame has been fixed in completing the projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4362 BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22-04-2010 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAIL SERVICES

(a) & (b): Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in February, 2010 between the Government of India and Government of Nepal regarding development of railway infrastructure at 5 border points along the Indo-Nepal border. The details of these lines with cost involved as per the survey reports is as under:

S. No.	Proposed rail links	Distance	Latest estimated cost
	From To (in Km)	(in Km)	(in Rs. cr)

1 Jogbani Biratnagar (Nepal) 18 243

2 Jayanagar Bijalpura (Nepal) & its extension to Bardibas 68 447

3 Nepalganj Road Nepalganj (Nepal) 12 149

4 Nautanwa Bhairahawa (Nepal) 15 176

5 New Jalpaiguri Kakarbhita via Panittanki (Nepal) 46 358

(c) to (e): Out of the above works, Jogbani-Biratnagar new line and Jayanagar to Bijalpura Gauge Conversion & its extension upto Bardibas have been prioritized to be taken up in first phase. Detailed Engineering Survey for Jogbani-Biratnagar has been completed. Detailed engineering survey for Jayanagar-Bardibas has also been taken up. The time frame is yet to be fixed.