

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4916
ANSWERED ON:26.08.2010
RAIL CUM ROAD BRIDGE OVER GANGA RIVER
Singh Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of pending and on-going Railway projects, in the State of Bihar;
- (b) whether these projects have undergone time and cost overruns;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the present status of rail-cum-road bridge at Digha-Pahlejaghat over the Ganga in Patna(Bihar);
- (e) the original estimated cost, the period of completion, total estimated cost and the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (f) the time by which the said bridge is likely to be completed and made operational?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4916 BY DR RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.08.2010 REGARDING RAIL-CUM-ROAD BRIDGE OVER GANGA RIVER.

(a)to (c): 33 New Lines, 5 Gauge Conversion, 12 Doubling projects are in progress in the State of Bihar. Due to limited availability of resources and huge throwforward, it is not always possible to fix time schedule for completion of all projects. Hence, the targets for the projects are generally fixed on yearly basis. While some projects are in progress according to schedule, some others are partly lagging due to procedural formalities and resource constraints.

(d): The sub structure of the rail-cum-road bridge over River Ganga at Digha-Pahlejaghat near Patna is nearing completion and super structure work has been taken up.

(e) & (f): The original cost of the project was assessed as Rs. 600 crore. Present anticipated cost is Rs. 1389 crore & expenditure of Rs. 585.57 crore has been incurred upto 31.3.2010. The project is targeted for completion during 2012-13.