

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work from Sakri to Jhanjharpur, Jhanjharpur to Nirmali and Jhanjharpur to Lokaha under East-Central Railway;
- (b) whether the pace of construction work of rail over bridge at Kosi river in Nirmali is very slow; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated cost and expenditure incurred so far on these projects?

Answer

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

(a): The contracts for earthwork, minor and major bridges on Sakri – Jhanjharpur– Nirmali awarded and work has been taken up. The tenders for Jhanjharpur – Laukaha Bazar are under process.

(b) & (c): The work is progressing as per the availability of funds. The soil investigations and model studies required to be done for this mega bridge were completed by June 2007. The work of substructure and superstructure of the bridge has been taken up.

The anticipated cost of Kosi bridge is Rs.341.41 crore and expenditure of Rs.66.95 crore has been incurred upto 31.03.2009. The anticipated cost of Sakri-Nirmali, Jhanjharpur-Laukaha Bazar and Saharsa-Forbesganj gauge conversion project is Rs.355.81 crore and expenditure incurred upto 31.03.2009 is Rs.5 crore.