

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3678  
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2009  
DOUBLING OF RAIL LINE IN BIHAR  
Singh Shri Radha Mohan

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

- (a) whether doubling work of Patna-Gaya Rail line and constructions work of rail bridges at Ganga Kosi and Munger in Bihar is very slow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the said construction works; and
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3678 BY SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30-07-2009 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAIL LINE IN BIHAR.

(a) to (d): On Patna-Gaya section (91.75 km), doubling of 39.38 km has already been completed. Doubling of Bela-Chakhand (9.98 km) is nearing completion and balance between Bela-Taregana (42.47 km) is likely to be completed by 31.3.2011. There has been failure of contracts and law & order problems have been faced in the area.

The work of bridges over river Ganga near Patna, Munger and over river Kosi are in various stages of progress. The planning of bridge near Patna was changed at an intermediate stage from rail bridge to rail cum road bridge on the request of State Government which required re-designing the bridge. On Munger rail cum road bridge, 4 additional spans have been added due to change of course of the river. There has been delays in handing over of land by the State Government. The work of Kosi bridge is targeted for completion by March 2012 and the other two rail cum road bridges during 2012-13. Necessary steps have been taken to speed up the progress of these projects and to follow up land issues with the State Government.