

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROBS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of status of railway projects pending/under implementation regarding the construction of Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) in the State of Bihar including at Digha-Pahlejaghat over the river Ganga in Patna;
- (b) whether the said bridge has undergone time and cost overrun;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the project is likely to be completed and made operational; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete the aforesaid projects within a stipulated timeframe?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a):
(i) Construction of 55 nos. of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis in Bihar.

Progress of 55 Nos. of ROBs is as under:-

- # 9 Nos. - Work completed fully on both Railway bridge portion and approaches.
- # 6 Nos. - Work on Railway Bridge portion completed, work on approaches in progress.
- # 40 Nos. - Work is at various stages of progress.

- (ii) Foundation and sub-structure of main bridge at Digha-Pahlejaghat over the river Ganga in Patna have been completed. 40% work of steel superstructure has been completed.

Danapur to New station Patliputra (part of this project) has already been inspected by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS). 60% approach work of this bridge has also been completed.

- (b) & (c): No, Madam. Project is targeted to be completed by March 2015.

- (d): Following steps have taken to complete the aforesaid project within the stipulated time frame:

- # Regular meeting were conducted at Chief Secretary's level to expedite land acquisition.
- # Tender of steel superstructure was awarded to IRCON, a Govt. of India's Public Sector Unit (PSU).
- # Design & Drawing were finalized by engaging consultant.
- # Railway Board & Planning commission have been apprised regularly for timely arrangement of fund.
- # Fabrication workshop and erection work being done from both ends of river Ganga simultaneously.