

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1802  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013  
RAILWAY LINES  
Yadav Shri Hukamdeo Narayan

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

- (a) the present status of railway line projects on Sakri-Nirmali-Bhaptiyahi, Sitamarhi Jaynagar-Nirmali, Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur, Madhubani-Benipatti-Pupri sections and construction of Hariharpur halt on Darbhanga-Sitamarhi section;
- (b) the reasons for delay in completion of the said projects; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of these projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1802 BY SHRI HUKUMDEV NARAYAN YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY LINES

(a): The status of the projects is as under:-.

(i) Sakri-Nirmali-Bhaptiyahi is part of Sakri-Nirmali-Laukahabazar-Saharsa-Forbesganj gauge conversion project for which earthwork and bridgework has been taken up in entire section. In this section, bridge across Kosi river taken up as new line project is also in advance stage of execution.

(ii) Sitamarhi-Jaynagar-Nirmali via Susand new line (188.9 km):- Estimate sanctioned. Funds deposited to concerned District Administration, Sitamarhi for acquisition of land. Preliminary work taken up.

(iii) Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur new line (56 km):- Final location survey completed. Work in preliminary stages.

(iv) Madhubani-Benipatti-Pupri new line (50 km):- Survey has been taken up. At present, there is no proposal for construction of Hariharpur halt on Darbhanga-Sitamarhi section.

(b): Due to limited availability of resources, difficulty in land acquisition, etc. on-going projects get delayed. Railways have a huge throwforward of Rs.1.47 lakh crore for ongoing New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects with limited amount of resources resulting in thin spread of funds which are allocated annually to these projects as per availability of resources.

(c): To expedite completion of projects, forestry and other clearances have been taken up at highest level. Regular coordination meetings are held with State Governments for providing adequate security at work sites. Empowerment of field units have also been taken up to expedite completion of projects.