

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5793
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2013
NEW LINE GAUGE CONVERSION
Singh Shri Vijay Bahadur

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of new line project on Kichha-Khatima section along with the reasons for inordinate delay in starting the construction work on said line which was sanctioned in the year 2003-04;
- (b) the details of steps taken/ being taken by the Railways to expedite the land acquisition process with the Government of Uttrakhand; and
- (c) the present status of gauge conversion work on Tanakpur-Pilibhit section alongwith the details of funds allocated/ spent thereon so far and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(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. 5793 BY SHRI VIJAY BAHADUR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.05.2013 REGARDING NEW LINE/GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) & (b) : Kitcha-Khatima new line project has been sanctioned with commitment of Government of Uttrakhand to provide land free of cost. However, State Government has not provided land so far and as a result execution is yet to be taken up. The Commissioner, Kumayu Mandal, has also proposed a new alignment between Lalkaun-Khatima and requested for abstract cost of project along with details of land to be acquired as per new alignment. Details about this new alignment have been made available to State Government with the request to indicate final decision regarding alignment, which is still pending with them.

(c): Gauge conversion of Pilibhit-Tanakpur portion of Bhojipura- Pilibhit -Tanakpur sanctioned gauge conversion project, has been taken up and earthwork, blanketing, bridge works, ballast, etc. are in different stages of progress. An expenditure of approximately ` 74.01 crore, has been incurred on this project up to March' 2013. An outlay of ` 10 crore has been proposed for this project in the Budget 2013-14. The project is likely to be completed by March, 2015 subject to availability of resources.