

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4286  
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RAILWAYS PROJECTS IN BIHAR  
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

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

- (a) whether the Railways had received funds during 2004-2005 or thereafter from the Ministry of Defence for some railway project viz. gauge conversion and new railways lines along the Indo-Nepal border areas in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the details and the present status of the work on Patna-Digha rail mega bridge and Ganga rail mega bridge in Munger and Kosi rail mega bridge in Nirmali along with the ongoing gauge conversion projects in Bihar; and
- (d) the time frame set for completion of the said projects?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Sakri-Nirmali (51 Km) gauge conversion project along the Indo-Nepal border is defence funded. An amount of RS 356 Crore has been received from Ministry of Defence for this project. Presently, earthwork, work on major/minor bridges taken up.
- (c) The details and the present status of the projects of Patna-Digha rail mega bridge, Ganga rail mega bridge in Munger and Kosi rail mega bridge in Nirmali along with the ongoing gauge conversion projects in Bihar are appended.
- (d) As on 01.04.2013, there are 156 ongoing New Line, 43 Gauge Conversion and 169 doubling projects across the country requiring about Rs 178216 crore for their completion. Due to huge throw forward & limited availability of resources, the time by which an ongoing project can be completed, is not feasible to be fixed. Time frame for completion of a project is decided annually depending upon operational requirement, availability of resources and progress made on individual projects.