

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1899  
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CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ongoing construction of the Ranchi-Lohardaga-Tori railway line is being inordinately delayed;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Railways thereto and the time schedule fixed for its completion; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the said construction work?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Ranchi-Lohardaga (67Km) Gauge Conversion and Lohardaga-Barkichampi (14.5 Km) portion of the project have been completed. In balance portion, earthwork, bridges & ballast supply works have been taken up. The project has been delayed due to law and order situation, delay in acquisition of land by the State Government and delay in forestry clearances.

State Govt. has been requested to step up the security. Security forces have been deployed at two locations and barracks for the security forces have also been constructed. Regular meetings have been held with the State Government and other agencies to expedite land acquisition and other clearances. The reasons stated above for delay preclude fixing of time lines for this project.