

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4267
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015
RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY
Pal Shri Jagdambika

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to provide connectivity in eastern Uttar Pradesh particularly for the residents of Poorvanchal including places such as Kapilavastu and other Buddhist tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(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. 4267 BY SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.04.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY.

a) & (b): Railway projects are taken up on the basis on remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternative routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations, etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands, and are not sanctioned region-wise, area-wise and State-wise.

1. Details of major ongoing projects which cover eastern Uttar Pradesh including places such as Kapilvastu and other Buddhist tourist destination are as under:

| (Rs.in crore) | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| S. No. | Name of the project | Anticipated cost |
| (i) | Maharajganj-Masrakh (35 km) with material modification for new line between Masrakh -Rewa Ghat (30 km) | 343 |
| (ii) | Hathua-Bhatni (80 km) | 230 |
| (iii) | Paniyahwa-Chhitauni-Tumkuhi Road (62 km) | 244 |

2. Following projects have been included in the Railway Budget 2013-14 subject to obtaining requisite Government clearances. But these projects could not be processed for clearances as the State Government of Uttar Pradesh did not agree to provide land free of cost and to share 50% of construction cost of the project:

| (Rs.in crore) | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| S. No. | Name of the project | Anticipated cost |
| (i) | Kapilvastu-Basti via Bansi (91 km) | 643 |
| (ii) | Anandnagar-Ghugli via Maharajganj (50 km) | 307 |

3. Besides above, Mau-Ghazipur-Tarighat (51 km.) new line project has been included in the Budget 2015-16 at an anticipated cost of ` 845 crore subject to obtaining requisite Government clearances.

(c): Completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment,

acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry & wild life shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timeline for completion of all these projects have not been fixed.