

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated a plan for electrification work on railway section from Lucknow to Banaras via Rai Bareilly and Pratapgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time by which the said work is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the plan of doubling the railway line on the said section has also been prepared; and
- (d) if so, the time by which doubling work will be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As regards electrification of Lucknow to Varanasi via Rai Bareilly, Pratapgarh is concerned, Lucknow-Utratia section is already electrified and electrification work in Janghai-Varanasi section has been physically completed. Electrification of Utratia- Rai Bareilly – Amethi - Janghai section (214 Route Kilometres) has been included in Railway Budget 2015-16 at an estimated cost of 216.27 Crores. Depending upon the overall availability of resources, the targets for commissioning of Railway Electrification projects are fixed on yearly basis.

(c) & (d): There is an already existing double line between Lucknow to Utratia and Varanasi to Lohta. Doubling of Utratia- Rai Bareilly and Pratapgarh-Janghai -Bhadohi have been sanctioned in 4 phases. Doubling of Amethi-Pratapgarh section has not been sanctioned. Completion of projects depends on availability of funds, shifting of utilities, forestry clearances, cutting of trees, etc. Many of these factors are beyond the control of Railways. As such, it is not feasible to fix time lines for these projects.