

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

†3624. SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foundation stone was laid at Jhabua for laying of new railway line for the Indore-Godhara *via* Dhar-Sardarpur and Jhabua route and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it was decided to lay a new rail line between Ratlam and Dungerpur and if so, the present estimated cost of the above-mentioned rail line;**
- (c) whether land acquisition and other formalities have been completed for the said purpose and if so, the present status of the aforesaid project;**
- (d) whether there has been inordinate delay in completion of the above said projects and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the progress of the work on the Dhar-Sardarpur-Jhabua block is extremely slow and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) whether adequate budgetary provisions have not been made by the Government for the said projects and the date by which the said projects are likely to be completed and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3624 BY SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a): Godhra-Dahod section is already an existing double broad gauge electrified section. Further, Dahod-Indore via Sardarpur, Jhabua & Dhar (200.97 km) new line project was included in the Budget 2007-08 and foundation stone for this project was laid at Jhabua by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister on 08.02.2008.

(b) to (d): Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara (188.85 km) new line project was sanctioned in the Budget of 2011-12 with a commitment from Government of Rajasthan to provide land free of cost and to share 50% construction cost of the project as per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the State Government. Subsequently, State Government did not agree to provide land free of cost and to share 50% construction cost of the project. Hence, construction activities on the project have been stopped on as is where is basis.

(e) and (f): Dhar-Sardarpur-Jhabua section (104.66 km) involves construction of tunnels and viaducts. All land acquisition papers have been submitted to the State Government. Execution at the site will be taken up once the land acquisition is completed.

This project did not get the adequate fund allocation till 2013-14, but subsequently the project is getting enhanced fund allocation. Completion of the project will depend on acquisition and transfer of land.
