

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3605  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

**MOTIHARI-SITAMARHI RAIL LINE**

**†3605. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether Motihari-Sitamarhi railway line via Sheohar which is approximately 68 km long stretch was sanctioned in the year 2007 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether ever after spending approximately 100 crore, Railways have cancelled the project;**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government is not aware that Sheohar is a very backward region adjacent to border of Nepal and it is still deprived of railway facility since the independence; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (e): The Motihari-Sitamarhi (78 km) new line project was included in supplementary Budget 2006-07 at an estimated cost of ₹211 crore. An expenditure of ₹24 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2018.**

**The Motihari-Sitamarhi (78 km) new line project was put on hold in view of available railway routes in the adjoining area and negative rate of return of the project. Now a proposal for part execution of the project from Sitamarhi to Shivhar (28 Km) is under examination.**

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