

site Selection Committee has visited a number of sites in Assam. The necessary data is being collected. The final decision is likely to be taken in the near future.

**Development of Railway Lines/Services
in Bihar**

*252. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the various proposals sent by Government of Bihar regarding the expansion and improvement of railway lines/services in Bihar ;

(b) the action taken by his Ministry thereon ; and

(c) the nature and extent of co-operation offered by Government of Bihar, if any, in regard to development of Railways in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Government of Bihar in their Memorandum submitted to the Railway Convention Committee 1980 had mentioned the following Railway Projects. Action taken on these items has been indicated against each item.

A. NEW LINES

S. No.	Name of the Project	Action taken/remarks
1.	Mandar Hill to Sainthia via Dumka	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
2.	Pipradih to Bhavnathpur and its extension to connect Garhwa Road-Chopan	Line not yet surveyed.
3.	Nirmali to Saraigarh	Line surveyed. Unremunerative.
4.	Rajgir to Gaya	- do -
5.	Ranchi to Korba via Lohardaga	- do -
6.	Parallel BG line between Hajipur and Bachwara.	Line surveyed. Alternative route being developed.
7.	Forbesganj-Thakurganj via Bahadurganj.	Survey has not been carried out.
8.	Ranchi to Giridih via Hazaribagh	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
9.	Deoghar to Dumka	- do -
10.	Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur	- do -
11.	Gaya to Tori via Dobi-Chatra-Malumath	Line not yet surveyed.
12.	Mehsbi to Saharsa	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
13.	Dauram-Madhepura to Singheshwarasthan	- do -
14.	Muzaffarpur to Sitamarhi	- do -
15.	Banmankhi to Narpatganj	Line not yet surveyed.

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16.	Sultanganj to Deoghar	- do -
17.	Pirpainty to Dumka via Godda.	- do -
18.	Bihari ganj to Kursela	Line not yet surveyed.
19.	Laukaha to Sitamarhi via Jainagar	- do -
20.	Laitgram to Birpur	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
21.	Simri-Baktiarpur to Bihariganj.	- do -
B. GAUGE CONVERSIONS		
1.	Darbhanga-Nirmali	Darbhanga-Jayanagar line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
2.	Darbhanga-Jayanagar	- do -
3.	Katihar-Jogbani	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
4.	Saharsa-Jogbani	Line not yet surveyed.
5.	Bettiah-Muzaffarpur via Motihari.	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
6.	Bahnaha-Birpur	- do -
7.	Arrah-Sasaram	- do -
8.	Ranchi-Lohardaga	Survey has been approved.

It has not been possible to approve construction of the above-said new lines and gauge conversion projects as most of the projects have been found to be financially unremunerative. Furthermore, the Railways are facing severe constraint of resources for even the on-going projects and have very heavy commitments already in hand. Their consideration will, therefore, have to await better times when position of resources improves.

C. DOUBLINGS

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| 1. | Patna-Gaya | Survey for augmentation of throughout capacity in Patna area including Patna-Gaya section is in progress. Further action will be taken on completion of the survey. |
| 2. | Kiul-Shibganj-Barharwa. | Patch doubling of Kiul-Bhagalpur section has been approved. 15 kms. have been commissioned for goods traffic. |

D. REPLACEMENT OF OLD LINES

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| 1. | Sahibganj Loop Line and Howrah-Mughalsarai | Structure is good and track is being maintained satisfactorily. |
| 2. | Mansi-Saharsa | |

(c) Government of Bihar had offered land for construction of Sakri-Hasanpur MG line at the time of its approval.