

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1707
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020**

JIRIBAM - IMPHAL RAILWAY LINE

1707. DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of ongoing crucial infrastructure project of 110 Km. long Jiribam-Imphal railway line as on date;**
- (b) whether the deadline for completion of Jiribam-Imphal railway project which was set as December, 2020 has been postponed; and**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 1707 BY DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.09.2020 REGARDING JIRIBAM - IMPHAL RAILWAY LINE

(a): Jiribam-Imphal (110.625 km) new line project has been included in Budget in 2003-04. The latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹12,264 crore. An expenditure of ₹10,089 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020 and an outlay of ₹800 crore has been provided for financial year 2020-21.

12km length from Jiribam to Vangaichungpao has been completed and commissioned in March, 2017 and work has been taken up in the available land.

Mining of 46 nos. tunnels out of total 47 tunnels have been completed. Mining of 47.40 km tunnel has been done during 2014-19, which is 110% more than tunnel mining done during 2009-14 (22.52 km).

5 out of 11 major bridges, 108 out of 128 minor bridges, 3 out of 5 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 2 out of 12 Road Under Bridges (RUBs) have been completed.

(b) and (c): Completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors differ from project to project and affect the completion time of the project.

Jiribam-Imphal new line project is a challenging project in the hilly terrain of young Himalayas having 47 nos. tunnels, 156 nos. bridges including 141 metre high pier bridge etc. In addition, COVID-19 pandemic has also adversely affected the progress of the work at site. As such, firm completion time of the project cannot be ascertained at this stage.
