

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

STATUS OF SURVEY FOR NEW RAILWAY LINE IN BIHAR

†680. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tenders have been invited after preparing a detailed project for the construction of new railway line between Kursela-Bihariganj and Kishanganj-Jalagarh in Bihar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the status of the survey for construction of new railway line from Bihariganj to Virpur via Murliganj-Triveniganj-Jadia-Bhemnagar as on date?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (c) : Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.**

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Kursela-Bihariganj (58 Km) New Line and Jalalgarh - Kishanganj (51.87 Km) New Line projects were included in the budget 2008-09. However execution of these projects could not be taken up due to low traffic projections. Subsequently, several representations were received to revive these two projects and after sanction of Bikramshila – Katarea New Line project, Kursela – Bihariganj New Line has become an operational requirement. As such, it has been decided to take up these projects.

Separately, a Survey for Bihariganj-Virpur via Murliganj, Triveniganj, Bhimnagar New Line Project has been taken up. Field Survey has been completed.

The Sanctioning of the project requires consultation with various stakeholders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc.
