

**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.**

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