

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:712

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SURVEY FOR DOUBLING OF AZAMGARH-LUCKNOW, VARANASH-LUCKNOW RAILWAY LINE
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey for doubling of Azamgarh - Lucknow , Varanasi-Lucknow via Jaunpur , Varanasi-Allahabad rail line has been completed;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof ;
- (c) the time by which the doubling work is likely to be started along with the estimated cost thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): On Varanasi-Lucknow section, single line exists between Utratia and Zafarabad. The survey for doubling of this section had been conducted in 1999-2000. No survey for doubling of Azamgarh-Lucknow and Varanasi-Allahabad has been conducted.
- (b): As per the survey report, the cost of doubling of Utratia-Zafarabad (219.62 km.) had been assessed as Rs. 268.19 crore.
- (c) to (e) : The doubling of Utratia-Zafarabad has been taken up in phases. The work from Utratia-Chandrauli, Sultanpur-Bandhuakalan and Zafarabad-Srikrishnanagar are in progress. No time frame has yet been fixed for completion of the projects. The completion would depend upon availability of resources.