

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1581
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003
RAIL PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the ongoing rail projects in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government have reviewed the existing track conditions in the State to ensure the passenger's safety; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1581 BY SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2003 REGARDING RAIL PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL

(a) : The present status of the ongoing rail projects in West Bengal is given as under: -

S.No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost (Rs.in cr) upto 31.3.2003 (Rs.in cr.)	Anticipated Expenditure 2003-2004	Outlay	Current Status.
-------	-----------------	--	-----------------------------------	--------	-----------------

NEW LINES

- 1 Laxmikantapur-Namkhana 100.88 93.88 7 Laxmikantapur-Kakdweep commissioned. Earthwork and bridges are in progress on Kakdweep-Namkhana section which is targeted for completion during 2003-04.
2. Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur with ext up to Kumarkundu bypass connecting Howrah-Bardhman Chord 276 16.56 1 Land acquisition proceedings are in progress between Tarakeshwar-Arambagh. Work will be commenced once the land becomes available.
3. Azimganj(Nasipur)-Jiaganj up to the Ghats 22.78 0.01 2 Work would be taken up after obtaining requisite clearances for which action has been initiated.
4. Mandarhill-Rampurhat via Dumka 254.06 29.56 10 Final Location Survey has been completed. Land acquisition proceedings are in progress. Work of earthwork, bridges and Dumka station building are in progress.

5. New Maynaguri-Jogighopa 733 9.18 25 Final Location Survey completed.
From New Maynaguri to Mathabhanga,
land acquisition has been
processed. Rs.6.22 cr. paid to
West Bengal Govt. towards cost
of land. Earthwork for widening
of bank in Maynaguri Road-
Chandrabhanga section taken up.
6. Eklakhi-Balurghat 274.41 169.7 15 Eklakhi-Gazol-Daulatpur has
been completed. Work in balance
portion upto Balurghat is in
progress and line upto Balurghat
is targeted for completion
during 2003-04.
7. Tamluk-Digha 293.97 235.09 15 Tamluk-Deshpran section has been
completed. 18 km from Deshpran
to Nachanda has been completed
during 2002-2003. Work is in
progress on rest of the section.
8. Howrah-Amta 154.3 62.24 5 Howrah-Mahendralalnagar section
completed. 334 acres out of 380
acres of land between
Mahendralalnagar-Amta handed over.
Earthwork and bridgework in
progress.

GAUGE CONVERSION

1. New Jalpaiguri -Siliguri-
New Bongaigaon 523.17 397.14 65 Earthwork, minor and major
bridges are in progress in full
length. New Jalpaiguri-Samuktala
Road is targeted for completion
in 2003-2004. Work of conversion
of branch line from Alipurduar
to Bamanhat has also been taken up.
2. Bankura-Damodar river project 174.73 32.85 25 Earthwork and bridgework on
including MM for extension of BDR line is in progress.
new line from Bowaichandi
to Khana
3. Katihar-Jogbani (including
Katihar-Radhikapur) (Suppl.) 403.38 35.34 21.00 Earthwork and bridgeworks are
in progress.

DOUBLING

- 1 Tarakeshwar-Sheoraphulli
Ph.I(Sheoraphulli-Nalikul) 38.88 11.7 1.34 Earthwork and bridgeworks are
in progress in first block
section between Sheoraphulli-
Diara which is targeted for
completion during 2003-2004.
2. Gurup-Shaktigarh 3rd line 52.39 28.96 20 Earthwork and bridges are in
progress on Gurup-Pallaroad
which is targeted for completion
during 2003-2004.

3. Habra-Chandpara 40.81 0.21 2 Final Location Survey completed.
4. Sonarpur Canning Ph.I
(Sonarpur-Ghutiari Shariff) 30.47 11.14 1 Earth work and bridge works are in progress.
- 5 Baruipur-Lakshmikantapur Ph.I
(Baruipur-Dakshin Barasat) 31.82 7.08 1.00 Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.
6. Bolpur-Ahmedpur 54.8 6.59 5 Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress. Work is targeted for completion during 2003-2004.
- 7 Kalinarayanpur-Krishnanagar 102.5 11.75 1.00 Earthwork is in progress. including ext. as GC from Krishnanagar-Shantipur and new line Krishnanagar to Chartala
8. Barasat-Hasanabad doubling 23.65 4.34 1.00 Earthwork and bridgeworks with electrification Ph.I are in progress.
(Barasat-Sondalia)
9. Bandel-Jirat 50.68 0.61 1 Earth work and bridge works are in progress.
10. Baruipur-Magrahat 30.09 0.24 1 Tenders have been processed.
11. Ahmedpur-Sainthia 31.61 0.16 0.01 Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Work targeted for completion during 2004-2005.
12. Kumarganj-Eklakhi 17.06 0.5 6 Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.
13. Harishchandrapur-Kumarganj 63.22 14.61 10.01 Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
14. Tikiapara-Santragachi IV line 22.5 1 10 Work is in planning stage.
15. Panskura-Haldia Ph.I 26.02 0.64 20 Earthwork and minor bridges in progress in part length.
- 16 Barharwa- Tinpahar 40 2 New work included in Budget 2003-2004. Detailed estimate is under preparation.
- 17 Chandpara-Bongaon 27.48 1 New work included in Budget 2003-2004. Preliminary works being taken up.

METROPOLI-TAN TRANSPORT

1. Dum-Dum-Garia, Design and construction of Rapid Transit system 2678.7 1954.50 50 Work for construction of foundation, sub-structure and super-structure for the elevated track are in progress. Targetted for completion by March, 2007.
2. Circular Railway including Dum-Dum-Tala electrification 252.4 78.46 35 Work of Princepghat to Majarhat is progressing satisfactorily. Construction of line from Dum

Dum Cantt.- NSCB Airport is in progress but progress is slow due to land acquisition problems from various authorities. For Ultadanga to Rajarhat (Ph.- I upto Lake Town only) - Final location survey is in progress.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

1. Krishnanagar-Lalgola 72.12 0.1 15.40 Proposal for execution in hand.
Targeted for completion by
March, 2005.

2. Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar
including Talcher-Paradeep 317.36 232.82 40 247 RKM energized till Mar, 2003.
Targeted for completion by
March, 2004.

The projects physically completed have not been indicated above.

(b) & (c) : Repair and maintenance of Railway track is an ongoing process. Maintenance works are carried out regularly depending upon the need. For ensuring safety of traffic, track is inspected regularly and corrective action taken promptly wherever required. However, safety is ensured at all levels and at all times and the P.Way Supervisors are authorized to impose speed restriction as warranted, without making any reference to their superiors.

Renewal of track is also carried out on age-cum-condition basis, depending upon availability of funds. In certain cases, the maximum permissible speed of a section is also reduced if the condition so warrant for ensuring safety.