

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1537
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003
NEW RAIL LINE FROM NEORA TO SHEIKHPURA
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any survey report about the financial viability of Neora-Sheikhpura rail line;
- (b) if so, the assessment about the financial viability of this project;
- (c) the present status of the Neora-Sheikhpura rail line;
- (d) the amount likely to be incurred on the said project; and
- (e) the schedule fixed for completion of said project?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1537 BY DR. SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA AND SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31-07-2003 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINE FROM NEORA TO SHEIKHPURA.

(a) and (b) : The work of new line from Daniawan to Biharsharif was approved as material modification of Fatuha-Islampur project basically to have connectivity between the two branch lines i.e. Fatuha-Islampur and Bakhtiarapur-Rajgir. Later on, in the year 2000-2001, the work of Biharsharif-Barbiga was approved as material modification to the project. Meanwhile, an additional traffic of about 7-8 trains per day was assessed to move via Kiul-Mugalsarai. Due to severe capacity constraints via Patna, the feasibility of providing an alternative route by construction of the missing links to the already sanctioned Daniawan-Biharsharif-Barbiga was examined. It was considered that with the construction of Barbiga-Sheikhpura and Daniawan-Neora, an alternative route from Kiul to Mugalsarai via Sheikhpura, Daniawan, Neora would get established by passing Patna. The return of this investment was assessed as 16%. Considering this, the two sections were also approved as material modifications.

(c) Mainly, the work is presently in progress on Daniawan-Biharsharif section where land acquisition has almost been completed and earthwork and bridge works are in progress. Final location survey has been completed in other sections and land acquisition papers have been processed.

(d): About Rs.400 crore.

(e): No target date has yet been fixed.