

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2400

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DOUBLING OF AMBARI FALAKATA-RANI NAGAR AND SONARPUR-CANNING RAIL ROUTE

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of doubling work between Ambari-Falakata-Rani Nagar and Sonarpur-Canning rail route;
- (b) the amount sanctioned and spent so far on these projects;
- (c) whether these projects are running as per schedule;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for expeditiously completion of these projects ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a): The doubling of Ambari-Falakata-Rani Nagar is not sanctioned. On Sonarpur-Canning section, doubling of Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharief (15 km) has been taken up in phase I. Earthwork, bridge works, ballast supply etc. are in various stages of progress.
- (b): The cost of doubling of Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharief is approximately Rs.30.47 crore out of which Rs.8.24 cr. has been spent upto March, 2003. An outlay of Rs 1 crore has been provided during 2003-04.
- (c) & (d): No target for doubling of Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharief has yet been fixed. The work is being progressed as per the availability of resources.
- (e): A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Government, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Project of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla and funds for National Rail Vikas Yojna. With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of projects.