

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1477
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005
NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new and pending rail projects and surveys conducted so far in West Bengal alongwith the progress made thereon especially during the current year, project-wise;
- (b) the time schedule fixed for completion of each of these project/surveys;
- (c) whether these projects are progressing as per schedule fixed therefore;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has received any fresh proposal to conduct survey for construction/ conversion of railway lines in West Bengal;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1477 BY SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2005 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL.

(a) to (d) : Pending projects are considered as those projects which have been included in the Budget without requisite clearances and clearances are still pending. There is no such pending project in West Bengal. Hon'ble MP is perhaps referring to ongoing rail projects and surveys falling fully/partly in West Bengal, whose progress and time schedule of completion wherever fixed are as under. The completion of the works whose targets have been indicated would depend upon the overall availability of resources.

| S.No | Name of project | Anticipated cost | Outlay 2005-2006 | Current Status |
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| | | (Rs.in cr.) | (Rs.in cr.) | |
| NEW LINES | | | | |
| 1 | Laxmikantapur-Namkhana (47.5 km) | 101.15 | 2.15 | Work completed. |
| 2. | Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur with ext up to Kumarkundu bypass connecting Howrah-Bardhman Chord (85 km) | 276 | 10.00 | Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up between Tarakeshwar-Arambagh. |
| 3. | Azimganj (Nasipur)- Jiaganj up to the Ghats (3 km) | 22.78 | 1.00 | Preliminary activities for taking up the work are on hand. |
| 4. | Mandarhill-Rampurhat via Dumka (130 km) | 254.07 | 10.00 | Final Location Survey has been completed. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. Work of earthwork, bridges and other activities have also been taken up. |

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| 5. | New Maynaguri- Jogighopa (245 km) | 894.38 | 50.00 | Final Location Survey completed. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. Earthwork and bridge works from Maynaguri Road-Changrabandha have also been taken up. |
| 6. | Eklakhi-Balurghat and Gazol-Itahar (118 km) | 282.74 | 2.00 | Eklakhi-Balurghat completed. Final Location Survey between Gazol-Itahar has been completed. |
| 7. | Tamluk-Digha (87.5 km) | 293.97 | 1.00 | Work completed and section commissioned. |
| 8. | Howrah-Amta and Bargachia- Champadanga (73.5 km) | 154.3 | 2.00 | Howrah-Amta section has been completed. Land acquisition between Bargachia- Champadanaga has been taken up. |
| GAUGE CONVERSION | | | | |
| 1. | New Jalpaiguri- -Siliguri-New Bongaigaon (415.48 km) | 890.83 | 10.00 | New Jalpaiguri-Fakiragram has been completed while Fakiragram-New Bongaigaon is nearing completion. Work of conversion of branch line from Alipurduar to Bamanhat has also been taken up. |
| 2. | Bankura-Damodar River project including extension of new line from Bowaichandi to Khana (198 km) | 158.16 | 23.00 | Bankura-Sonamukhi section has been completed. Work on rest of the section has been taken up. |
| 3. | Katihar-Jogbani (including Katihar- Radhikapur) (196 km) | 402.98 | 20.50 | Barsoi-Radhikapur targeted for completion in 2005-06. Work on rest of the section has been taken up. |
| DOUBLING | | | | |
| 1. | Tarakeshwar- Sheoraphulli, Ph- I (Sheoraphulli- Nalikul) (18 km) | 38.88 | 5.00 | Sheoraphulli- Diara completed. Diara-Singur targeted for completion during 2005-06. |
| 2. | Gurup- Shaktigarh 3rd line (26 km) | 62.09 | 3.00 | Gurup-Pallaroad-Gurup Jaugram-Masagram sections have been completed. Work is under National Rail Vikas Yojana and is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. |
| 3. | Habra-Chandpara (22.25 km) | 40.81 | 2.00 | Earthwork and bridges have been taken up. |
| 4. | Sonarpur Canning Ph.I (Sonarpur- Ghutiari Shariff) (29 km) | 30.47 | 3.00 | Sonarpur-Champahati has been completed. Champahati-Ghutiari Shariff targeted for completion during 2005-06. |
| 5. | Baruipur- Lakshmikantapur Ph.I (Baruipur- Dakshnia Barasat) (17 km) | 31.82 | 1.00 | Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up. |
| 6. | Bolpur-Ahmedpur (19 km) | 55.07 | 1.00 | Work completed. |
| 7. | Kalinarayanpur- Krishnanagar including ext. as GC from Krishnanagar- Shantipur and new line Krishnanagar to Chartala (51 km) | 43.39 | 4.00 | Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up. |
| 8. | Barasat-Hasanabad doubling with electrification Ph.I (Barasat- Sondalia) (12.12 km) | 23.65 | 0.50 | Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up. |
| 9. | Bandel-Jirat (20 km) | 50.13 | 5.00 | Bandel-Bansberia targeted for completion during 2005-06. |
| 10. | Baruipur-Magrahat | 30.09 | 0.01 | Tenders have been processed. |

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| (15 km) | | | |
| 11. Ahmedpur-Sainthia (13 km) | 26.76 | 2.00 | Work completed. |
| 12. Kumarganj-Eklakhi (6 km) | 21.57 | 10.00 | Work targeted for completion during 2005-06. |
| 13. Harishchandrapur- Kumarganj (30 km) | 63.22 | 8.00 | Work targeted for completion during 2005-06. |
| 14. Tikiapara- Santragachi IV line(5.6 km) | 46.42 | | Work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. under National Rail Vikas Yojana.. |
| 15. Panskura-Haldia Ph.I (16 km) | 26.02 | 10.00 | Panskura-Raghunathbari completed. Raghunathbari-Rajgoda section targeted for completion in 2005-06. |
| 16. Pandabeswar- Chinpai (21.41km) | 56.47 | 3.00 | Preliminary works have been taken up. |
| 17. Chinpai-Sainthia (29.71 km) | 80.00 | 3.26 | New work included in Budget 2005-06. Preliminary arrangements for taking up of the work are on hand |
| 18. Chandpara-Bongaon (9.77 km) | 27.48 | 1.00 | Preliminary works being taken up. |
| METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT | | | |
| 1. Dum-Dum-Garia, Design and construction of Rapid Transit system (22 km) | 2624.24 | 63.00 | Work for construction of foundation, sub-structure and super-structure for the elevated track are in progress. Targeted for completion by June, 2007. |
| Circular Railway 2. including Dum-Dum- Tala electrification (18.5 km) | 242.42 | 45.00 | Princepghat to Majarhat completed. Dum Dum to NSCB Airport work has been taken up. Work on Ultadanga to Rajaghat (Ph-I upto Lake Town only) has been frozen till the Chitpur yard layout is finalized and proposal of East-West corridor is firmed up. |
| RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION | | | |
| 1. Krishnanagar- Lalgola (128 km) | 63.83 | 20.00 | Work is targeted for completion by December, 2006. |

The details of ongoing surveys falling fully/partly in West Bengal are as under:-

| Sl.No. | Name of survey (in completion Kms.) | Length | Target date of |
|------------------|--|--------|----------------|
| NEW LINES | | | |
| 1 | Park Circus to Dhamkhali | 60 | 30.06.06 |
| 2 | Canning-Sonakhali | 20 | 31-03.06 |
| 3. | Digha-Jaleswar | 40 | 31.03.06 |
| 4. | Panskura-Chandrakona | 80 | 31.03.06 |
| 5. | Budge Budge-Pujali | 18 | 31.03.06 |
| 6. | Balurghat-Hili | 30 | 31.03.06 |
| 7 | Samsi-Chanchal- Harishchandrapur | 25 | 31.03.06 |
| 8 | Raniganj-Bankura | 45 | 31.03.06 |
| 9. | Buramara-Chakulia | 50 | 31.03.06 |
| 10. | Amta-Bagnan | 18 | 31.03.06 |
| 11. | Champadanga-Tarakeswar | 12 | 31.01.06 |
| GAUGE CONVERSION | | | |
| 1. | Katwa-Ahmedpur | 53 | 31.03.06 |
| DOUBLING | | | |
| 1. | Santipur-Kalinarayanpur | 16 | 31.03.06 |
| 2. | Pandabeswar-Sainthia | 53 | 31.03.06 |

(e) : No fresh proposal during the current year for conducting survey for construction/conversion of railway lines in West Bengal have been received so far.

(f) & (g) : Do not arise.

