

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ARA-SASARAM RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the project work of Ara-Sasaram railway line is in progress and the same is decided to be completed by 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the project is not likely to be completed within stipulated time due to slow pace; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the railway operation is likely to be started by completing the project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Ara-Sasaram new BG rail line (98 kms) was included in the Budget 1997-98 at an anticipated cost of Rs.189.14 crore. Sasaram-Nokha section (20 kms) has been completed. Nokha-Sanjauli section (10 kms) is targeted for completion during 2004-05, where earth work and bridge works are in advanced stage of completion. Furthermore, in Sanjauli-Piro section (32 kms), land acquisition, earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress. An outlay of Rs.16 crore has been provided for the work in the Budget 2004-05. No target for completion of the entire project has yet been fixed which would depend upon availability of resources.