

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

†1217. SHRI AKSHAIBAR LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a new railway line for Khalilabad, Utraula, Dumariaganj, Bhinga, Shravasti and Balrampur;**
- (b) whether any communication has been received by the Government to lay the above said line upto Jarwal via Bahraich and if so, whether the Government is likely to lay the said railway line to maximise its' utility;**
- (c) if so, the time by which the above said railway line is likely to be constructed; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): Bahraich-Khalilabad via Bhinga, Shravasti, Balrampur (Tulsipur), Utraula. Domariyaganj, Bansi and Mehdawal (240 kms) new line project was included in the Budget 2016-17 and sanctioned on 31.10.2018 at a cost of ₹4939.78 crore.

Total 1060 Hectare land is required for this project. Land plans for 779.246 hectare have been submitted to the District Land Acquisition Officer of Bahraich, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar and Sant Kabir Nagar for verification.

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(b): No, Sir. Project is planned as per sanctioned alignment.

(c) and (d): Timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, priority of projects, etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project. Therefore, confirmed timeline for completion of the project cannot be given.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Uttar Pradesh during 2014-19, has increased to ₹5278 crore per year from ₹1109 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 376% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects for the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 has been ₹8403 crore and ₹8576 crore respectively. For the financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹12,696 crore has been provided, which is 1045% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 2032 Km sections (204 km New line, 631 km Gauge conversion and 1197 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 290.29 km per year, which is 46% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (199.2 Km/year)
