

RAIL LINK BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL

Surveys for following new links connecting Nepal have been conducted:-

| S. No. | Proposed Rail Links | | Distance (in Kms) |
|--------|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | From | To | |
| 1. | Jogbani (India) | Biratnagar(Nepal) | 18 |
| 2. | Jayanagar (India) | Bijalpura (Nepal) gauge conversion and its extension to Bardibas | 68 |
| 3. | Nepalganj Road (India) | Nepalganj (Nepal) | 12 |
| 4. | Nautanwa (India) | Bhairahawa (Nepal) | 15 |
| 5. | New Jalpaiguri (India) | Kakarbhita via Panittanki (Nepal) | 46 |

Out of the above, Jogbani-Biratnagar new line and gauge conversion from Jayanagar to Bijalpura with its extension to Bardibas have been included in Railway Budget 2010-11. The projects may take about 2 to 3 years completion once land is available.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Railways, S K.H. Muniyappa in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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