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THE construction of the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) has reached 39.64 per cent completion up to January, Transport Minister Anthony Loke said the route and location of the ECRL stations were finalised after receiving the railway scheme approval. He said the completion date for Section A (Kota Baru to Dungun), Section B (Dungun to Mentakab), and Section C1 (Mentakab to ITT Gombak) remained as scheduled for completion by Dec 31, 2026. Section C2 (Gombak to Port Klang) was expected to be completed by Dec 31, 2027, he said.

"The ECRL will see 2023 as the peak year of its construction, involving beam launching, station building, track laying and other (related) works.

"Most of the construction works are being actively carried out with certain works focused on Section A, Section B and Section C1a from Kelantan to Pahang.

"Among the works are the construction of bridges using beam launcher machinery, as well as digging and tunnelling," he said

in a written parliamentary reply to a question from Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias (BN-Jelebu). Loke said preliminary work on other tunnels had begun, such as the Gombak Tunnel and Serendah Tunnel, both located in Selangor.

"Structural works such as bridges, viaducts and sub-grade activities are in full swing along the ECRL alignment."

Loke said the land repossession under Section 8 of the Land Acquisition Act 1960 in Selangor for Section C1b (Gombak district) was gazetted on Dec 22 last year.

"Meanwhile, Section C2 (Gombak-Serendah-Port Klang) was gazetted on Jan 12, 2023."



Construction of the East Coast Rail Link in progress near Kampung Halban in Kota Baru, Kelantan, last month. PIC BY NIK ABDULLAH NIK OMAR