

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2054
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

BUDGET ALLOCATION AND DISBURSAL OF FUNDS TO WEST BENGAL

2054. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-on-year budget allocations and actual disbursement of funds to West Bengal (including South Eastern, Metro and all railway related projects) for the last five years;
- (b) the details of projects undertaken in West Bengal, status of those projects, total budget allocated, project-wise, and the actual amount sanctioned for the last five years; and
- (c) the budget allocation and actual funds disbursed under Railways for the last three years, year-on-year, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2054 BY SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING BUDGET ALLOCATION AND DISBURSAL OF FUNDS TO WEST BENGAL

(a) to (c): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise. West Bengal is covered by Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway and Metro Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

Presently, 53 projects (16 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 33 doublings), costing ₹ 48,275 crore, covering a length of 4,463 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are in different stages of execution. This includes:

- 16 new lines projects covering a length of 1,538 km, costing ₹20,117 crore.
- 4 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1200 km, costing ₹7,993 crore.
- 33 doubling projects covering a length of 1,725 km, costing ₹20,165 crore.

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of West Bengal during 2014-19, has increased to ₹4,612 crore per year from ₹4,380 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 5% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹5,246 crore was provided for financial year 2020-21 which is 20% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹6,636 crore has been provided for these projects which is 52% more with respect to average budget outlay of 2009-14.

In addition to above, 8 Metro Rail projects costing ₹ 27,976 Cr. have been taken up and are in different stages of execution.

Project-wise detail including cost, expenditure incurred and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Pink Book (Year) > Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP) .
