

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021**

**DELAY IN RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

591. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many railway projects are getting delayed in various parts of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the current status of various railway projects; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry of Railways for the early completion of railway projects in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591 BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.07.2021 REGARDING DELAY IN RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

(a) and (b): The completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, priority of project/s, 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 considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. As such, confirmed completion time of project/s cannot be ascertained. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' span across various State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2021, 35 Projects costing ₹91,137 crore for 6,142 km length falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 906 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,008 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. These include-

- 16 New Line Projects covering a length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹49,221 crore, out of which 62 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,563 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.
- 2 Gauge Conversion Projects covering a length of 580 km at a cost of ₹6,261 crore, out of which 277 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,261 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.
- 17 Doubling Projects covering a length of 3,545 km at a cost of ₹35,655 crore, out of which 567 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,184 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Maharashtra is covered by Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zone of Indian Railways

Details of all ongoing Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in)

>Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates  
>Finance (Budget) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and  
Rolling Stock Programme.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹6,700 crore was provided for these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 472% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹7,277 crore has been provided for these works, which is 521% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 916 km projects (87 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 693 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate 130.86 km per year, which is 124% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km/year).

(c): Various steps being taken by the Railways for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of projects at various levels, and (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

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