

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2368
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

2368 SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of railway works for which proposals have been received by Government from Odisha during the last three years and the details thereof, proposal-wise;
- (b) the response of Government on the said proposals and the action taken so far on such proposals;
- (c) the number of proposals from Odisha pending so far with the Railways at present and the details of such proposals, location and work-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for pendency of the said proposals?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2368 BY SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.12.2021 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA.

(a) to (d): Proposals for new lines, gauge conversion and doubling projects, both formal and informal are received from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. by Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions/demands is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. Moreover, Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as, Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2021, 37 Railway Projects costing ₹55,219 crore for 4,643 km length, falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 928 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,903 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Railway has substantially increased budget allocations for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Odisha. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Odisha, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,126 crore per year from ₹838 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, the average budget allocation during 2014-19 is 392% more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14 (₹838 Cr/Year). These allocations have been enhanced to ₹4,568 crore in 2019-20 and ₹5,296 crore in 2020-21 which are 445% and 532% more than the average allocation of 2009-14 (₹838 Cr/Year) respectively. Total allocation of Budget has further been enhanced to ₹5,921 crore in 2021-22, which is the highest ever budget allocation for the State of Odisha and 607% more than the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹838 Cr/Year).

There is substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014. During 2009-14, 267 km (56 km of New line, 83 km of Gauge conversion and 128 km of Doubling projects), falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha, have been commissioned at an average rate of 53.40 km per year. During 2014-21, 1031 km (251 km of New line and 780 km of Doubling projects), falling fully/partly in the state of Odisha, have been commissioned at an average rate of 147.29 km per year, which is 176% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14.

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Odisha is covered by East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including cost, expenditure and budget 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.

Railway has reviewed all the projects based on last mile connectivity, missing links, traffic potential on the project, capacity enhancement, availability of land, forest/wild-life clearance etc. and based on the review, Railway projects have been prioritized. Presently, Railway's focus is on completion of capacity enhancement projects and last mile connectivity project.

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