

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2688
ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

NEW BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

2688 DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of new broad gauge railway lines under construction or constructed in the country during the last five years with their rate of return;
- (b) whether new broad gauge railway lines have been constructed in Rajasthan during the last five years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways received any proposal regarding survey or construction of new broad gauge railway lines in Rajasthan during the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of such proposals with its cost of construction and rate of return, project-wise?

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. 2688 BY DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.03.2022 REGARDING NEW BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

(a): As on 01.04.2021, across Indian Railways, 187 New line projects of 21,037 Km length, costing approx. ₹4.06 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which commissioning of 2,621 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of approx. ₹1.06 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

The details of all ongoing projects including cost, expenditure 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation in the Indian Railways for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹26,026 crore per year from ₹11,527 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 126% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. The Annual budget allocation for these Projects for Financial Year 2019-20 was ₹39,836 crore (246% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹43,626 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (278% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹52,398 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 355% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For Financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹67,001 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 481% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

Across Indian Railways, during 2009-14, 1,727 Km New Line was commissioned at an average annual rate of 345 Km/year and during 2014-21, 3,681 Km of New Line have been commissioned at an average annual rate of 526 Km/year which is 52% more than the average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (345 Km/year).

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List of under construction New Line projects, sanctioned in the last 5 years, along with Rate of Return (ROR) is appended.

(b): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2021, 11 New Line projects of total length of 1228 km, costing ₹15,920 crore, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 107 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,260 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Rajasthan, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 333% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have increased to ₹4,686 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (587% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,582 crore in Financial Year 2020-21(572% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹6,006 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 781% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year). For the Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹7,565 Crore has been proposed which is 1009% more than Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year).

During 2014-21, 176 Km length New lines falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been commissioned at an average rate 25.14 km per year, which is 106% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (12.2 Km/Yr.).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Proposals/suggestions for new lines both formal as well as informal regarding surveys/projects of new line are received by Railways at various levels viz. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such proposals/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

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Survey for new railway lines is a continuous and ongoing process. During the last 5 years i.e. from 2016-17 onwards, 21 nos. of survey works for 2003 km new lines falling fully/partly in Rajasthan have been sanctioned. During the same period, 18 nos. of surveys for 1866 km new lines falling fully/partly in Rajasthan have been completed.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2688 BY DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.03.2022 REGARDING NEW BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

(a): Under construction New Line projects, sanctioned in last five years

SN	Name of Project	Year of Inclusion	ROR
1	Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur	2016-17	5.00%
2	Jeypore-Malkangiri	2016-17	10.33%
3	Jeypore-Nabarangpur	2016-17	1.26%
4	Chitra-Basukinath	2016-17	1.89%
5	Sahjanwa-Dohrighat	2016-17	(-)2.95%
6	Bahraich-Shravasti-Balrampur/ Tulsipur (Khalilabad)	2016-17	(-)2.15%
7	Morappur-Dharmapuri	2016-17	(-) 5.60%
8	Indore-Budni (Indore-Jabalpur)	2016-17	(-)7.83%
9	Nimach-Badi sadri	2017-18	(-) 3.5%
10	Solapur-tuljapur-Osmanabad	2018-19	(-)0.13%
11	Dhule (Borvahir)-Nardana	2018-19	0.90%
12	Talcher & Angul with 'Y' connection at Talcher	2018-19	16.51%
13	Jhajha-Batia	2018-19	(-)3.86%
14	Parasnath-Madhuban-Giridih new line	2018-19	6.60%
15	Test Track for RDSO	2018-19	ROR not required
16	Chirimiri-Nagpur Halt	2018-19	(-)16.08%
17	Rameswaram-Dhanushkodi	2018-19	(-) 6.4%
18	Shimoga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur	2018-19	(-)8.15%
19	Hassan-Belur	2018-19	(-) ve

SN	Name of Project	Year of Inclusion	ROR
20	Test Track for RDSO (Phase-II)	2019-20	ROR not required
21	Belgam- Dharwad via Kittur	2019-20	(+) 9.81%
22	Construction of Mahisasan (India)- Zero Point (Bangladesh)	2020-21	(-)13.75%
