GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

PROJECTS LISTED IN RAILWAY PINK BOOK

3493 SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)   the projects listed in Railway Pink Book but not commissioned till date zonal-wise and also those that are dropped from the Pink Book as on date; and

(b)   the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493 BY SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 01.04.2022 REGARDING PROJECTS LISTED IN RAILWAY PINK BOOK

(a) & (b): As on 01.04.2021, 484 Railway projects (187 New Line, 46 Gauge Conversion and 251 Doubling) of 51,165 Km length, costing approx. ₹7.53 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 10,638 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.14 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. These include:-

(i)   187 New line projects of 21,037 Km length, costing approx. ₹4.06 lakh crore, out of which 2,621 Km length has been commissioned and expenditure of approx. ₹1.06 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021;

(ii)   46 Gauge Conversion projects of 6,213 Km length, costing ₹53,171 crore, out of which 3,587 Km length has been commissioned and expenditure of ₹22,184 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021;

(iii) 251 Doubling projects of 23,915 Km length, costing approx. ₹2.94 lakh crore, out of which 4,430 Km length has been commissioned and expenditure of ₹86,041 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway 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. No ongoing project has been dropped.

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, highest ever budget outlay of ₹52,398 crore (Original BE ₹45,465 crore and additional outlay ₹6,933 crore) has been provided for these projects, which is 355% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, across Indian Railways 17,720 km sections (3,681 km of New Line, 4,871 km of Gauge Conversion and 9168 km of Doubling) have been commissioned at an average rate 2531.43 km per year, which is 67% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (1520 km/year).

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, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s). However, Railways is making all the efforts for expeditious completion of projects.

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