GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 789 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN UTTAR PRADESH

789 SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for introduction of new railway lines in Uttar Pradesh for facilitating travel by large number of people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with how many new trains have been introduced in the last two years;
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan for the same in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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. 789 BY SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 22.07.2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN UTTAR PRADESH.

- (a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, total 74 Railway Projects (16 New Lines, 5 Gauge conversion and 53 Doubling), costing ₹ 98,449 crore for 6,921 km length falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1169 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 23,209Cr. has been incurred upto March 22. These include:
 - 16 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,743 km at a cost of ₹ 29,577 cr, out of which 260 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5,361 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.
 - 5 Gauge Conversion Projects covering a length of 558 km at a cost of ₹3,850 cr, out of which 238 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,473 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.
 - 53 Doubling Projects covering a length of 4,620 km at a cost of ₹ 65,023 cr, out of which 671Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 16,375 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.

Railway Projects falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh are covered under Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, East Central Railway and West Central Railway zone of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of 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 Directorates Finance (Budget) Pink Book (year) Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocations and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Uttar Pradesh during 2014-19, has increased to ₹ 5,278 crore per year from ₹ 1,109 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 376% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 8,403 Cr in financial year 2019-20 (658% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 8,576 Cr in financial year 2020-21 (673% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 14,128 crore in financial year 2021-22 (1174% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14). For the financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 14,761 crore been provided for these works, which is 1231% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2009-14, 996 Km sections (70 Km New Line, 667 Km Gauge Conversion and 259 Km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 199.2 Km per year. These commissioning has increased to 2450 Km during 2014-22 (204 km New line, 678 km Gauge conversion and 1568 km Doubling) at an average rate of 306.25 km per year, which is 53.74% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (199.2 Km/Yr.)

(b) to (d) Indian Railways do not run trains on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during 2020-2021 & 2021-2022, 13 pairs of trains on (originating/terminating basis) serving the stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been introduced. Besides, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic demand etc., introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways.
