

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 769
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

SURVEY OF AREAS NOT CONNECTED TO RAILWAY NETWORK

769 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey of such areas in the country which have not yet been connected to the rail network, if so, the zone-wise details and the findings thereof;
- (b) the zone-wise details of the projects undertaken by Government to connect such areas with rail network, in the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the project-wise and zone-wise quantum of funds made available and utilized by Government for such projects, during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken to connect each region of the country with rail network and the outcome 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. 769 BY DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 22.07.2022 REGARDING SURVEY OF AREAS NOT CONNECTED TO RAILWAY NETWORK.

(a): Survey for new railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network is a continuous and ongoing process of Indian Railways and is done based on demands raised by State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Members of Parliament, other elected representatives, organizations/rail users and Railways' own operational requirements. Presently, 205 surveys for New Lines having a total length of 20,026 km have been taken up and are in different stages of progress on Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details are given below:-

SN	Railway	No. of New Line Surveys in Progress	Length (in Kms)
1	Central Railway	23	2407
2	Eastern Railway	6	357
3	East Central Railway	37	2109
4	East Coast Railway	14	985
5	Northern Railway	13	678
6	North Central Railway	4	500
7	North Eastern Railway	7	486
8	Northeast Frontier Railway	10	1388
9	North Western Railway	11	1845
10	Southern Railway	8	1201
11	South Central Railway	9	1229
12	South Eastern Railway	6	383
13	South East Central Railway	13	1754
14	South Western Railway	18	2211
15	Western Railway	18	1891
16	West Central Railway	8	602

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(b): During the last 3 years and the current year, total 06 New Line projects have been included in Budget subject to requisite approvals.

As on 01.04.2022, 183 New line projects of total length of 20,937 km, costing approx. 4 lakh crore are in various stages of planning/execution and approval, out of which 2,831 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,13,189 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These projects will provide connectivity to areas which are not connected with Railway network.

Zonal Railway-wise details of New line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals during the last three years i.e. FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and the Current Year 2022-23 (upto July, 2022) are as under:-

Zonal Railway	No. of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects included in the Budget during the last 3 years and the current year.
Central Railway	2
Eastern Railway	1
East Central Railway	5
East Coast Railway	2
Northern Railway	8
North Central Railway	1
North Eastern Railway	1
Northeast Frontier Railway	3
North Western Railway	5
Southern Railway	4
South Central Railway	4
South Eastern Railway	4
South East Central Railway	1
South Western Railway	3
Western Railway	2
West Central Railway	2

(c): The total Budget Allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling works during the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 was ₹1,40,178 crore i.e. an average annual budget allocation of ₹46,726 crore per year which is 305% more than the average annual budget allocation of ₹11,527 crore per year during 2009-14. For Financial Year 2022-23, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹67,001 crore has been provided for these works, which is 481% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

Project-wise details of ongoing projects including cost, expenditure incurred 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) > Pink Book (Year) > Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(d): Based on Survey reports, projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. During 2014-22, across Indian Railway, 20,628 km length (3,970 km New Line, 5,507 km Gauge Conversion and 11,151 km Doubling) has been commissioned at an average of 2,579 km/year which is 70% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).
