

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

RAIL ROUTES ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNMENT

470 # DR. KALPANA SAINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of rail routes announced by Railways during the last three years ;
- (b) the number of rail routes out of them, for which construction work has been completed;
- (c) the number of pending railway routes and the reasons therefor ; and
- (d) whether Railways have released the necessary funds by increasing the budgetary allocation to complete the said pending routes at the earliest, 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. 470 BY DR. KALPANA SAINI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING RAIL ROUTES ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNMENT

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/UT wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. In the last three years i.e. FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and upto November, 2022 in the current FY 2022-23, 77 projects (15 New Line, 11 Gauge conversion and 51 Doubling) of total length 2741 km costing ₹37,208 crore have been sanctioned across Indian Railways. Zonal Railway-wise details of New line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects sanctioned during the last three years i.e. FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and the Current Year 2022-23 (upto November, 2022) are as under:-

Zonal Railway	No. of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects sanctioned.
Central Railway	02
Eastern Railway	00
East Central Railway	04
East Coast Railway	04
Northern Railway	04
North Central Railway	11
North Eastern Railway	02
Northeast Frontier Railway	03
North Western Railway	04
Southern Railway	04
South Central Railway	01
South Eastern Railway	05
South East Central Railway	10
South Western Railway	07
Western Railway	14
West Central Railway	02

(b) to (d):- As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways, 452 Railway projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 49,323 Km, costing approx. ₹7.33 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 11,518 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.35 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

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(i) 183 New line projects of total length 20,937 Km, costing approx. ₹4.0 lakh crore, out of which 2,831 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

(ii) 42 Gauge Conversion projects of total length 5,667 Km, costing ₹50,250 crore, out of which 3,488 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,235 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

(iii) 227 Doubling projects of total length 22,719 Km, costing approx. ₹2.83 lakh crore, out of which 5,199 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.02 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Zone 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 (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects and commensurate commissioning of Projects in Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation for these works during 2014-19 increased to ₹26,026 crore per year from ₹11,527 crore per year during 2009 – 14 (126% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation increased to ₹39,836 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (246% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹43,626 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (278% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹56,716 crore for Financial year 2021-22 (392% more than average annual budget allocation 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 than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, across Indian Railway, 20,628 km sections (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 annual commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 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). With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.
