GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1268
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

RAILWAY WORKS IN RAJASTHAN

1268 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works of doubling and electrification of railway lines undertaken in Rajasthan by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated for doubling and electrification of railway lines in Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(c) by when the said work is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1268 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.02.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY WORKS IN RAJASTHAN

(a) and (b): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise, not State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 12 doubling projects covering a total length of 2,522 km and costing ₹27,651 crore are in different stages of Planning/Sanction/Execution, out of which, 142 km length have been commissioned. An expenditure of ₹4400 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

16 electrification projects covering a total length of 3357 km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are also in different stages of Planning/Sanction/Execution.

Rajasthan is covered by Northern Railway, Western Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway, and North Central Railway Zones of Indian Railways. The details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise and Zonal Railway wise 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment for infrastructure projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Rajasthan during 2014-19, has been enhanced to ₹2951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 333% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4686 crore in Financial year 2019-20 (587% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4582 crore in Financial year 2020-21 (572 % more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹6006 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 781 % more than the average annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year).

During 2014-21, 1947 Km sections (176 km New line, 637 km Gauge conversion and 1134 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been commissioned at an average rate of 278.14 km per year, which is 74% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (159.6 Km/year)

(c):Timely completion of Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, 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 of the project(s). Therefore, confirmed timeline for completion of the project(s) cannot be given at this stage. Nevertheless, Railways is making all efforts for expeditious completion of project(s).

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