

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2695
ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ECR ZONE

2695 # SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the area-wise details of railway projects sanctioned in East Central Railway (ECR) Zone;
- (b) the details of area-wise allocated scheme and the funds spent thereon;
- (c) the area-wise total number of projects which are lagging behind the schedule as well as projects pending due to financial constraints; and
- (d) whether any committee has been constituted to monitor the implementation of the aforesaid projects and to find out the reasons for their delay, if so, the details thereof and the result 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. 2695 BY SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ECR ZONE

(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2021, 55 nos. of projects for New Lines/Gauge conversion/Doubling (28 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 23 doublings), costing ₹ 72,115 crore, covering total length of 4,545 Km are in different stages of planning/approval/execution under East Central Railway Zone. Out of which 1,123 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 25,965 crore has been incurred upto March'21. These include:

- 28 new line projects covering total length of 2,361 km, costing ₹ 48,295 crore, out of which, 435 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 15,155 crore has been incurred upto March'21.
- 04 gauge conversion projects covering total length of 739 km, costing ₹ 4,288 crore, out of which, 544 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,547 crore has been incurred upto March'21.
- 23 doubling projects covering total length of 1,445 km, costing ₹ 19,532 crore, out of which, 145 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 7,263 crore has been incurred upto March'21.

The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are 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)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State share by the State Government in cost sharing 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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). As such, no firm time-line for completion of the project(s) can be given at this stage. Nevertheless, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.

Railway has reviewed all the projects based on last mile connectivity, missing links, traffic potential on the project, capacity enhancement, availability of land, forest/wild-life clearance etc. and based on the review, Railway projects have been prioritized. Presently, Railway's focus is on completion of these prioritised projects.

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At present, no specific Committee has been constituted for monitoring of projects. However, Railways have taken up various steps for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects which include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels i.e. Railway Board, Zone, Division level and (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
