

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 141
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

141 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand railway lines and introduce new trains in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the total funds allocated for the new railway projects along with the funds released and utilized during the last five years and the current year in Maharashtra, project-wise?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 141 BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.07.2022 REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, for expansion of railway network in Maharashtra, as on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway projects (16 New line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling) costing ₹ 80,079 crore for 6,118 km length, falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 1,154 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 21,297 crore incurred upto March, 2022. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects covering total length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹ 38,359 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5,084 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 580 km at a cost of ₹ 7,062 crore, out of which 279 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,404 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.
- (iii) 16 Doubling projects covering total length of 3,521 km at a cost of ₹ 34,658 crore, out of which 782 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 13,809 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.

Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, introduction of new train services depends on operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification, competing demands etc., which is an on-going process.

New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra are covered in Central Railway (CR), South Central Railway (SCR), Western Railway (WR), South East Central Railway (SECR) and South Western Railway (SWR) Zones of Indian Railways. The Budget is prepared Zone-wise and not State-wise. Zone-wise details of funds 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.

Further, information regarding Gross Capital Outlays in Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure (excluding Extra Budgetary Resources/ Partnership) for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Plan-Heads during the last five years and the current year for these Railway Zones is appended.

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 the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹6,700 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (472% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹8,547 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (630% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever budget allocation of ₹11,903 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 916% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹1,171 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1,141 km sections (118 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 887 km of Doubling) falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate of 142.63 km per year, which is 144% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km per year).

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 141 BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.07.2022 REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (c):

	NEW LINE		GAUGE CONVERSION		DOUBLING	
	Funds allocated (₹ in crore)	Funds utilized (₹ in crore)	Funds allocated (₹ in crore)	Funds utilized (₹ in crore)	Funds allocated (₹ in crore)	Funds utilized (₹ in crore)
2017-18	1512	1469	1259	1293	4602	3831
2018-19	1870	2009	2327	2111	6214	5677
2019-20	2092	2285	2201	2476	8756	8048
2020-21	2550	2086	2044	2508	7535	7761
2021-22	1487	1815	1515	1465	10393	10285
Total:	9511	9664	9346	9853	37500	35602
2022-23	2103	-	1681	-	12765	-
