

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2038
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN CHHATTISGARH

2038 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether completion of several railway projects in Chhattisgarh is running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the details of the rail projects sanctioned for Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year, year/zone –wise; and
- (d) the steps taken /being taken by the Railway for timely completion of these projects?

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.2038 BY SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN CHHATTISGARH

(a) to (d) Railway project/s are sanctioned Zonal Railways wise and not State wise as Indian Railway's project/s may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 16 Projects (8 New Lines and 8 Doubling), covering a length of 2,698 Km, costing ₹ 37,468 crore falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are under different stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 636 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 11,733Cr. has been incurred upto March 22. These include:

- 08 New Line projects, covering a length of 1,358 km at a cost of ₹ 23,381 crore, out of which 145 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,880 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.
- 8 Doubling projects covering a length of 1,340 km at a cost of ₹ 14,087 crore, out of which 491 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 6,853 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.

Railway projects falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are covered under South East Central Railway and East Coast Railway of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including expenditure and Budget outlay, project-wise, year-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) >Regular Budget/Pink Book(year) Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 01.04.2022, 11 Projects having total length of about 189 Km at a total cost of ₹ 2283 crores in South East Central Railway falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned. The list of projects sanctioned is as under:

S.No	Name of Project	Length (km.)	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Doubling of Boridand- Surajpur	79.9	775.82
2	Additional line between Kharsia-Jharadih (5.811 Km)	5.811	80.01
3	4th line between Rajnandgaon-Dongarhgarh	31.2	328.34
4	3rd & 4th line between Saragbundia & Madwarani	6.1	167.64
5	4th line between Dadhapara-Belha	9.2	169.06
6	3rd line between Kargi Road-Salka Road	8	95.44
7	4th line between Bhatapara-Hathbandh	16	177.03
8	4th line between Bhilai-Bhilai Nagar	8.8	177.34
9	4th line between Belha-Dagori	6.5	86.59
10	4th line between Bhilai Nagar-Durg Link Cabin	2.8	55.51
11	4th line between Nipania-Bhatapara	14.4	170.49

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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the projects expeditiously.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹ 2274 crore per year from ₹ 311 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, an increase of 631% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Annual Budget outlay for these

projects has been increased to ₹ 3269 crore in 2019-20 (951% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 3874 crore in 2020-21 (1146% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 3730 crore for financial year 2021-22(1099% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23 highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 5,715 crore has been provided for these works which is 1738% more than the average budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹ 311 Cr/Yr.).

During 2014-22, 744 Km sections(145 km New line and 599 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh have been commissioned at an average rate 93 km per year,which is 1353% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (6.4 Km/Yr.)

Various steps taken by the Indian Railway for expeditious implementation of Rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels 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.
