### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1098 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

#### RAILWAY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN DIFFERENT STATES

1098 DR. C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects which are under construction in different parts of the country during the last five years, details thereof State-wise; and
- (b) when did the work of these railway projects commence and how many are nearing completion and time line mentioned to complete the projects, details thereof project-wise and State-wise?

#### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1098 BY DR. C.M. RAMESH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN DIFFERENT STATES

(a) & (b): The Railway Infrastructure projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/UT wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways, 452 Railway Infrastructure Projects (183 New Line, 42 Gauge Conversion and 227 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.

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).

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, 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.

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 New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways 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 commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).

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