

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.292
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

FUNDS SANCTIONED BY RAILWAYS FOR ODISHA

292 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount sanctioned by Railways for the operations in State of Odisha since 2018, year-wise and item-wise;
- (b) the total utilization of the amount sanctioned by Railways in this regard, year-wise and item-wise; and
- (c) the details of Central and State share in amount sanctioned and utilized, year-wise and item-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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 292 BY DR. SASMIT PATRA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.02.2023 REGARDING FUNDS SANCTIONED BY RAILWAYS FOR ODISHA

(a) to (c): The fund allocations for Railway projects are made Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2022, 35 Railway Projects (11 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling) of total length 4,609 Km, costing ₹55,759 crore, falling fully/partly in Odisha are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 1039 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,729 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Indian Railways has taken up Khurda Road-Bolangir, Jeypore-Nabarangpur and Jeypore-Malkangiri new line Railway projects falling in the State of Odisha on cost sharing basis with Govt. of Odisha.

Odisha is covered by East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including their 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works and commensurate commissioning of Projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Odisha, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,126 crore per year from ₹838 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 392% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4,568 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (445% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹5,296 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (532% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹6,471 crore for Financial Year 2021-22 (672% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹9,734 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 1062% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹838 crore per year).

During 2009-14, 267 km sections (56 km New line, 83 km Gauge conversion and 128 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha, have been commissioned at an average rate of 53.40 km per year. These commissioning, during 2014-22 has been increased to 1135 km (264 km New line and 871 km Doubling), at an average rate of 141.88 km per year, which is 166% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (53.40 km/year).