

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1093
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

**NEW RAIL LINES, DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS
IN MAHARASHTRA**

1093 SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representations from various organizations/rail users and State Government of Maharashtra for laying of new rail lines, doubling and electrification of railway tracks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of surveys proposed to be conducted for laying of new railway lines, doubling and electrification of railway tracks in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (d) the number of surveys conducted and completed during the above period; and
- (e) the number of projects for which construction work has started and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1093 BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINES, DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (e): Proposals are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railway's own requirements. As receipt of such proposals/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. Total 98 surveys (30 new line, 03 gauge conversion and 65 doubling) covering total length of 7,345 km falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned for laying railway lines during last five years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) and current financial year.

Further, total 63 surveys (34 new line, 01 gauge conversion and 28 doubling) covering total length of 5,347 km falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra have been completed for laying railway lines during last five years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) and current financial year. All new lines and doubling are done with electrification.

As on 01.04.2023, 34 Railway infrastructure projects (16 new Line, 02 gauge conversion and 16 doubling), covering total length of 5,872 km at a cost of ₹80,184 crore falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra including new railway projects sanctioned during last five years are in planning/ approval/ construction stage, out of which 1,421 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,964 crore incurred upto March 2023. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects covering total length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹38,423 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,052 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 580 km at a cost of ₹7,339 crore, out of which 283 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,791 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- (iii) 16 Doubling projects covering total length of 3,275 km at a cost of ₹34,422 crore, out of which 1045 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,121 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered in Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise and Year-wise details of railway projects including their cost, source of funds, 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 and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. 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. Annual budget allocations on these projects have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than 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), ₹8,547 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (630% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹11,903 crore in Financial Year 2022-23 (916% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2023-24, highest ever budget allocation of ₹13,539 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 1056% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14.

During 2014-23, 1472 km sections (147 km New Line, 136 km Gauge Conversion and 1189 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, have been commissioned at an average rate of 163.56 km per year, which is 180% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4km/year).
