

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1891
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BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR NEW RAILWAY LINES

1891. SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the debt burden (in terms of rupees) of the Indian Railways since 2019, year-wise;
- (b) the regions / zones identified for the establishment of new railway lines for which there is an allocation of ₹32,000 crore in the Union Budget 2023-24; and
- (c) the services that will be included under the new head of 'customer amenities' for which ₹13,355 crore has been allocated in the Union Budget 2023-24?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) Indian Railways (IR) raise Extra-Budgetary Resources through Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, for financing acquisition of rolling stock assets and construction of railway projects. The year-wise debt burden on IR from 2019 is as under:-

Financial Year (FY)	Debt Repayment (Rupees in crore)
2019-20	20304
2020-21	23386
2021-22	28702
2022-23	34189

Ministry of Finance, Government of India provided a special loan for Covid related resource gap of ₹79,398 crore in FY 2020-21. Repayment of this loan will commence from FY 2024-25.

(b) The entire allocation of new line is utilized across the country. The Railway projects are surveyed / sanctioned / executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railways. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested / saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railways, 189 New line projects of total length 20,659 km, costing approximately ₹3.99 lakh crore are in planning / sanction / construction stage, out of which 2,903 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approximately ₹1.37 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Zone-wise details of all 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).

(c) In FY 2023-24, a budget outlay of ₹13,355 crore has been allocated to 'Customer Amenities'. This provision will be utilized for improving passenger amenities at Railway stations and for Goods shed development, Metro connectivity works, etc.
