

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2674
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

RAIL PROJECTS IN NORTH WEST, NORTH AND NORTH CENTRAL ZONES

2674 SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rail schemes proposed in the North West, North, and North Central Zones of the Railways in the last five years;
- (b) the number of railway projects which have been completed;
- (c) the time by when the remaining projects would be completed; and
- (d) the funds allocated to these rail projects in the last five years?

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. 2674 BY SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN NORTH WEST, NORTH AND NORTH CENTRAL ZONES

(a) to (d): During the last five years i.e. FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and upto current FY 2023-24, 166 surveys (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 9,807 kms were sanctioned in North Western, Northern and North Central Railway and 35 projects (06 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 27 Doubling) of total length of 1103 km, costing ₹17,183 crore were sanctioned in these Zonal Railways during the said period.

As on 01.04.2023, 93 Railway infrastructure projects (29 New Lines, 06 Gauge Conversion and 58 Doubling) of total length 8,489 km costing approx. ₹1.70 lakh crore, falling fully/partly in North Western, Northern and North Central Railway are under planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 1,470 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹68,352 crore have been incurred on these projects upto March' 2023.

During the last five years i.e. FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, 51 projects (06 New Line, 05 Gauge Conversion and 40 Doubling) of total length 2815 km, costing ₹20,836 Crore fully/partly in North Western, Northern and North Central Railway have been commissioned.

Railway wise details of 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) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme in which all the ongoing works of North Western Railway, Northern Railway and North Central Railway are available.

Railway Electrification projects sanctioned during last five financial years and current financial year (i.e. from FY 2018-19 to FY 2023-24) in North Western, Northern and North Central zones are as under:

Zone	No. of Project	Cost (₹ In crores)
North Western	15	2409
Northern	19	1370
North Central	2	220
Total	36	3999

Section of 29,312 Kilometers (Km) have been electrified during last five financial years and current financial year (i.e. from 2018-19 to 2023-24) over Indian Railways including 3,653 Km in North Western, 3,137 Km in Northern and 1,196 Km in North Central Zones.

Ministry of Railways has recently launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages

development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Under this scheme 54, 75 and 144 number of stations have been identified in North Central Railway, North Western Railway & Northern Railway respectively. Fund Allocation for the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is provided under Plan Head Customer Amenities.

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, clearance from the concerned departments, State Governments/Ministries, 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, completion of Transmission Line works by State Power Utilities and resolution of law & order issues during execution etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). As such the confirmed time frame for completion of projects cannot be ascertained at this stage.

The Fund allocation under Plan Heads for New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Customer Amenities and Railway Electrification in the last five years i.e. FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23 under Northern, North Central and North Western Railways is given below:-

(in ₹ Crore)					
Rlys	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Northern Railway	3786.92	2763.05	9268.77	10655.86	15732.57
North Central Railway	1244.88	1940.42	1724.95	2938.91	4759.03
North Western Railway	1811.54	1996.68	1682.93	1867.04	2995.63