

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 274
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

**PENDING AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION RAILWAY PROJECTS IN
MAHARASHTRA**

274 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal of construction/development and expansion of railways have been received from State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the under construction and pending railway projects in Maharashtra as on date;
- (d) the status of each project; and
- (e) the details of project cost, sources of funds and the time limit for completion of projects?

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. 274 BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING PENDING AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION RAILWAY PROJECTS 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 sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, 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 are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, 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 for infrastructure and safety work projects and commensurate commissioning of projects in 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).

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, 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 of the project/s.
