

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 275
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

ONGOING AND PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

275 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of various ongoing and pending railway projects in Maharashtra;
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete said projects in a time bound manner;
- (c) whether Government of Maharashtra has proposed to bear some cost of those projects for timely completion, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Railways thereto;
- (d) number of railway projects in Maharashtra for which survey has been conducted and approved but work is not underway as yet;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the efforts made by Government to speed up the work?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 275 BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING ONGOING AND PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (f): 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.

In addition, various projects covering total length of 264 km at a total cost of ₹55697 crore have been sanctioned for construction of Mumbai Suburban Railways, out of which 27 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11931 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, 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.

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.

There are 18 railway projects falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, in which Government of Maharashtra has agreed to share the cost of the project with Railway. Details are given below:

SN	Name of the project	Length (km)	Cost sharing (Railway: Government of Maharashtra)
1	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vajinath new line	261	50:50
2	Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded new line	284	60:40
3	Vaibhavwadi – Kolhapur new line	108	50:50
4	Solapur-Osmanabad via Tuljapur new line	84	50:50
5	Kalyan (Ambivli)-Murbad new line	28	50:50
6	Wadsa-Gadchiroli new line	52	50:50
7	5 th & 6 th Line between CSTM-Kurla (MUTP-II)	18	50:50
8	5 th & 6 th Lines Thane-Diva (MUTP-II)	9	50:50
9	Extension of Harbour Line (MUTP-II)	5	50:50
10	6 th Line between Mumbai Central- Borivali (MUTP-II)	30	50:50
11	New Suburban Railway Corridor Panvel-karjat-Double Line (MUTP-III)	28	50:50
12	Airoli-Kalwa Suburban Link (elevated) – MUTP-III	3	50:50
13	Quadrupling of Virar-Dahanu Road (MUTP-III)	64	50:50
14	Extension of Harbour Line Between Goregaon-Borivali (MUTP-3A)	7	50:50
15	5 th & 6 th Line Borivali-Virar (MUTP-3A)	26	50:50
16	4 th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (MUTP-3A)	32	50:50
17	3 rd & 4 th lines between Kalyan-Badlapur (MUTP-3A)	15	50:50
18	Belapur-Seawood-Uran-Electrified Double Line	27	33:67

Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MRIDC), a State Joint Venture Company of Government of Maharashtra (50%) and Ministry of Railways (50%) has taken up Nagpur-Nagbhid Gauge Conversion project (116 km) at a cost of ₹1400 crore with equal equity participation of Ministry of Railways and State Government. An expenditure of ₹468.47 crore has been incurred till 31.03.2023.

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).

51 surveys (24 new line, 01 gauge conversion and 26 doubling) covering total length of 3,819 km falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra have been completed during last three years and current financial year, out of which 05 projects (01 new line, 01 gauge conversion and 03 doubling) covering total length of 216 km have been sanctioned and works on these projects have been taken up.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in the Ministry and Gati Shakti units in field, (ii) prioritization of projects, (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iv) delegation of powers at field level, (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
