

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

PRESENT STATUS OF INDORE-MANMAD RAILWAY PROJECT

1571 # DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Indore-Manmad railway project;
- (b) whether the said project has been delayed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government is going to start more rail projects in Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

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. 1571 BY DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING PRESENT STATUS OF INDORE-MANMAD RAILWAY PROJECT

(a) to (c): The proposal for construction of new railway line from Indore to Manmad was included in Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite Government approvals.

Earlier, Ministry of Railways (MoR) has planned to implement the project under Joint Venture (JV) model of participative policy of Ministry of Railways. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been accordingly entered between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and State Government of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra to set up a JV company for taking up this project with Indian Port Railway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) as the executing agency. Subsequently, keeping in view of the plans of JNPT, to invest in other projects, it was decided to defer the investment in the said project.

However, Dhule (Borvahir)-Nardana New Line (51 km), part of Indore-Manmad railway project, has been sanctioned and taken up for execution. For remaining part of the project, preparation of DPR of New Line of Manmad-Dhule and Nardana-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (309 km) has also been taken up.

(d): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise or Region-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, 32 Railway infrastructure projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 22 doubling), of total length of 5,539 km costing ₹77,798 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh are in planning/approval/construction stages, out of which 1,557 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,111 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include:

- 08 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,979 km costing ₹32,226 crore, out of which 400 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,611 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- 02 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 780 km costing ₹9,297 crore, out of which 283 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,040 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- 22 Doubling Projects covering total length of 2,780 km costing ₹36,275 crore, out of which 874 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,460 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh are covered by North Central Railway, West Central Railway, East Central Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway and South East Central Railway Zones of Indian Railways. The details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise and Zonal Railway wise 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹632 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹6,181 crore/year	878% more
2023-24	₹13,607 crore	2053% more

During 2014-23, 1,741 km sections (293 km New line, 636 km Gauge conversion and 812 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh, have been commissioned at an average rate of 193.44 km per year, which is 567% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (29 km per year).
