

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 87  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

**CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

\*87 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has undertaken measures to connect Amb Andaura Railway Line or Pathankot-Jogindernagar railway line with Bilaspur Leh Railway line in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made so far on the process of survey/construction/land acquisition;
- (c) the details of the total budget sanctioned for the project along with the expected date for commencement of work; and
- (d) the details of the railway stations to be established along the route of the railway line in Himachal Pradesh?

**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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 87 BY DR. SIKANDER KUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH.**

(a) to (d): The details of surveys/projects undertaken for providing connectivity between Amb Andaura, Pathankot, Joginder Nagar & Bilaspur are as under:

#### **BILASPUR-MANALI-LEH NEW LINE PROJECT**

Survey of Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line project (489Km) has been completed and Detailed Project Report has been prepared.

The alignment of New Line Bilaspur-Manali-Leh (489 km) line starts – off from Beri, passes through major towns of Sundernagar, Mandi, Manali, Sissu, Darcha Keylong, Sarchu, Pang, Runtse, Upshi, Kharu and terminates at Leh Terminus, connecting important towns of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.

#### **PATHANKOT-JOGINDER NAGAR RAIL LINE PROJECT**

The Pathankot-Joginder Nagar is an existing Narrow Gauge line. Survey for Pathankot-Joginder Nagar (172 km) Gauge Conversion was completed in 2017-18. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic potential.

#### **DAULATPUR CHOWK – TALWARA - MUKERIAN – NANGAL DAM RAIL LINE PROJECT**

Amb Andaura is an existing station on Nangal Dam-Daulatpur Chowk rail line. Construction of Daulatpur Chowk – Talwara - Mukerian – Nangal Dam (113 Km) New Broad Gauge line has been taken up as a part of Nangal Dam -Talwara new railway line project. Cost of Project is ₹2018 Cr. Expenditure of ₹1165 Cr. has been incurred on the project up to March,2023. An outlay of ₹852 Cr. has been provided for the project for financial year 2023-24. 60.89 Km length of Project has been commissioned and work taken up in balance section.

The railway stations to be established along the route are Nangal Dam, Una Himachal, Panoh, Churaru Takrala, Amb Andaura, Chintpurni Marg, Daulatpur Chowk, Kartoli, Talwara and Mukerian.

#### **BHANUPALI-BILASPUR-BERI**

Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri (63.10 km) new line project is sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Government of Himachal Pradesh. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹6753.42 crore. The work of the project has been taken up.

The railway stations to be established along the route are Bhanupali, Thaluh, Dharot, Pahadpur, Jagatkhana, Bilaspur and ends at Beri.

LAND ACQUISITION STATUS

	Himachal Pradesh			Punjab		
	Length (Km)	Area (Ha)		Length (Km)	Area (Ha)	
		Acquired	Total Required		Acquired	Total Required
Upto Km 52	37.6	78.55	84.55	14.6	144.19	148.39
Beyond Km 52	11	0	39.47	NA	NA	

CHANDIGARH-BADDI

Chandigarh-Baddi (33 km) new line project is sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Government of Himachal Pradesh wherein State Government is sharing 50% of project cost. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹1540 crore. The work of the project has been taken up and an expenditure of ₹598 crore has been incurred.

The railway stations to be established along the route are Chandigarh, Chandi Mandir, Nanakpur and ends at Baddi.

LAND ACQUISITION STATUS

Himachal Pradesh		Haryana	
Area (Ha)		Area (Ha)	
Acquired	Total Required	Acquired	Total Required
30.32	34.66	60.21	60.21

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Himachal Pradesh:-

Period	Average Outlay	%age more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹108 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹1838 Cr.	More than 17 times

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, deposition of cost 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 considerations etc.

Railway Infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Union territory of Ladakh are covered under Northern Railway (NR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

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