

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 147
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

**PROGRESS OF WORK RELATED TO NEW RAILWAY LINE, DOUBLING AND
ELECTRIFICATION IN RAJASTHAN**

147 # SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress of work related to new railway line, doubling and electrification in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) the number of areas of Rajasthan where this work has been completed along with the number of areas of Ajmer, Bikaner and Jodhpur divisions where it is still not completed and the details regarding target of completing it; and
- (c) the details of the progress of the work after the survey of the Pushkar – Merta 59 km railway line?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 147 BY SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.02.2024 REGARDING PROGRESS OF WORK RELATED TO NEW RAILWAY LINE, DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION IN RAJASTHAN.

(a) & (b): Projects are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2023, 30 Railway infrastructure projects (14 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 11 doubling), costing ₹ 53,045 crore for 4,588 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan (including Ajmer, Bikaner and Jodhpur Divisions) are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1,037 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 12,364 crore has been incurred upto March 2023 and routes of 4,348 Km falling in the State of Rajasthan have been electrified. These include:

- 14 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,230 km at a cost of ₹ 18,566 crore, out of which 167 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,320 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- 05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 1,250 km at a cost of ₹ 8,399 crore, out of which 691 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,457 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.
- 11 Doubling Projects covering total length of 2,108 km at a cost of ₹ 26,080 crore, out of which 179 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,588 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of Railway projects, including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

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 Rajasthan is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Change wrt average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 682 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 9532 Cr.	Nearly 14 times

Commissioning for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan is as under:-

Year	New Line (in Km)	Gauge Conversion (in Km)	Doubling (in Km)	Total (in Km)	Km/Year
2009-14	61	675	62	798	159.6
2014-23	1323	808	1523	3654	406 (which is 2.54 times more than the average commissioning achieved during 2009-14)

The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, excessive rains, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project.

(c): Detailed project report of Pushkar – Merta (Katyasani) (51.346 Km) is under consideration.