

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.920**  
**ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024**

**PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND**

920 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the under construction and pending projects of the Railways in Jharkhand;
- (b) the funds released so far by Government for various projects being run during the last three years along with the construction period of the said projects, project-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure timely completion of the said projects and the reasons for the delay in the said projects?

**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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 920 BY SHRI ADITYA PRASAD ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND**

(a) to (c) : Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not Division wise/District wise/State wise as Railway projects may span across Division/District/State boundaries. As on 01.04.2023, 27 projects (12 New Lines, 01 Gauge Conversions and 14 Doubling), of total length of 2,470 Km, costing ₹40,073 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 681 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,062 crore has been incurred upto March'23.

12 New Line projects covering total length of 1,228 km at a cost of ₹ 21,886 crore, out of which 278 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,372 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

1 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 159 km at a cost of ₹1,418 crore, out of which 90 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹192 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

14 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,083 km at a cost of ₹16,769 crore, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹10,497 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway infrastructure projects in the State of Jharkhand are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER) South Eastern Railway (SER) and South East Central Railway (SECR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of project including cost, expenditure and outlay are available in public domain.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand is as under:-

Year	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. allocation of 2013-14
2013-14	₹654 Cr.	-
2023-24	₹5,271 Cr.	More than 8 times

Average annual commissioning for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand is as under:-

Year	Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average annual commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	57.4 Km/year	-
2014-23	121.56 Km/year	More than 2 times

Year-wise details of Budget Allocation made for Railway Infrastructure project & safety works falling fully/partly in Jharkhand is as under :-

Period	Budget Outlay
2021-22	Rs. 4182 Cr.
2022-23	Rs. 5058 Cr.
2023-24	Rs. 5271 Cr.

Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State share by the 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 conditions, etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. As such, no firm time-line for completion of the project/s can be given at this stage. Nevertheless, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.

Railways have taken up various steps for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects which include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (v) 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.

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