

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 944**  
**ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024**

**PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

944 SHRI. SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many railway projects, despite approval, are pending in Maharashtra State;
- (b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when all these projects will be completed, project-wise in Maharashtra State?

**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. 944 BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

(a) to (c): 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), of total length of 5,872 km costing ₹80,184 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are in planning/approval/construction stages, out of which 1,421 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,964 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹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 of total length of 580 km costing ₹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 of total length of 3,275 km costing ₹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.

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, source of funds, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹1171 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹6493 crore/year	More than 5 times
2023-24	₹13539 crore	More than 11 times

**Contd.**

The details of commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Annual Commissioning</b>	<b>Increase in Commissioning w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
2009-14	58.4 Km/year	...
2014-23	163.56 Km/year	2.8 times

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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) 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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