

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1390**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR MAHARASHTRA**

1390 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects that were announced for Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (b) the number of projects, out of these, commissioned so far and the budgetary allocations made for the purpose;
- (c) the status of those projects which have not been commissioned and the timeframe by when these would be commissioned; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to complete the said projects at the earliest without further delay and to prevent further cost escalation?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1390 BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR MAHARASHTRA**

(a) to (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 01.04.2024, 41 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 Km costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are in implementation/ concurrence stages, which includes the projects announced for Maharashtra during last three years and current year, out of which 1,926 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,236 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹38,423 crore, out of which 166 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,529 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 609 Km costing ₹7,339 crore, out of which 312 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- (iii) 23 Doubling projects of total length of 3,251 Km costing ₹35,818 crore, out of which 1,448 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,376 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

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 Maharashtra is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹13,539 crore	More than 11 times
2024-25	₹15,940 crore	More than 13 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 km/year	-
2014-24	1830 Km	183 km/year	More than 3 times

In 2023-24, total 356 Km have been commissioned which is more than 6 times as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14.

Further, to avoid congestions on suburban corridors and to meet the future demands, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-III A costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned . These projects include following additional 10 rail links :

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in crore)</b>
1	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
2	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km)	919
3	Panvel-Karjat Suburban corridor (29.6 km)	2782
4	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) suburban corridor link (3.3 km)	476
5	Quadrupling of Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
6	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km)	826
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866

All these MUTP projects have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis 50:50 between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra Govt. was not providing requisite funds on time as per the commitment till 2022-23, resulting in delay in completion of the projects. Government of Maharashtra has started funding for MUTP-III A projects from April 2023.

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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