

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2182
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

PENDING RAILWAYS PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

2182 SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the pending railways projects in Punjab and the need for surveys for construction of new railway lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of the projects which are pending and/or under consideration;
- (c) timeline for completion of the pending projects, if any; and
- (d) the details of budgetary provisions for completion of these projects during the last financial year, actual expenses during this period and budgetary provisions during the current financial year?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2182 BY SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.08.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAYS PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

(a) to (d): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not State/District wise as Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, 12 railway projects (06 New line and 06 Doubling) of total length 1158 km, costing ₹19,843 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Punjab are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 255 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7590 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

- (i) 6 New Line projects covering total length of 367 km at a cost of ₹11,220 crore, out of which 61 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5546 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- (ii) 6 Doubling projects covering total length of 791 km at a cost of ₹8623 crore, out of which 194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,044 crore has been incurred upto March 2024

12 Nos of surveys (03 new line, 08 doubling and 01 gauge conversion) falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab having a total length of 1738 Km have been taken up under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services, connectivity to industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, agricultural zones including tourist and cultural places.

New Lines projects falling fully/partly in Punjab are covered under Northern Railway (NR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

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 share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of 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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).

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 Punjab:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹225 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹4762Cr.	More than 21 times
2024-25	₹5147 Cr.	Approx. 23 times

Average Annual commissioning for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab is as under:-

Period	Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average annual commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	29.4 km /Yr	-
2014-24	34.8 Km/Yr.	More than 1.18 times
