

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 576
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN GUJARAT

576# SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new railway lines that have been laid in Gujarat during the last five years and the number of railway lines for which gauge conversion, doubling, electrification and signalling work has been undertaken/under progress; and
- (b) the number of railway lines for which work is pending and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 576 BY SHRI NARHARI AMIN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN GUJARAT

(a) and (b): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/Region-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2024, total 42 Railway Infrastructure Projects (6 New Line, 22 Gauge Conversion and 14 Doubling), of total length of 2,947 km, costing ₹30,826 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are in planning/ approval/ construction stages, out of which 826 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,336 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include:

- (i) 6 New Line (NL) projects of total length of 537 km costing ₹7,810 crore, out of which 105 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.
- (ii) 22 Gauge Conversion (GC) projects of total length of 1,634 km costing ₹13,756 crore, out of which 671 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,655 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.
- (iii) 14 Doubling (DL) projects of total length of 776 km costing ₹9,260 crore, out of which 50 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,349 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 Gujarat is as under:

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹589 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹8,332 crore	14.15 times
2024-25	₹8,743 crore	14.84 times

- Achievements during the last 10 years i.e. 2014-24 in the State of Gujarat:
 - (i) NL, GC and DL - Total 2,244 km (NL - 699 km, GC - 710 km and DL - 835 km) sections falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat has been commissioned.
 - (ii) Railway Electrification - 3,002 RKM has been commissioned.
 - (iii) New Electronic Interlockings (EI): 159 EIs have been commissioned.

Moreover, Commissioning of sections (NL, GC and DL) falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat during 2009-14 and 2014-2024 is as under:

Period	Total Commissioning	Average Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	660 km	132 km/year	-
2014-24	2,244 km	224 km/year	1.69 times

During financial year 2023-24, total 567 km has been commissioned in Gujarat.

Further, commissioning of Railway Electrification in State of Gujarat during 2009-14 and 2014-2024 is as under:

Period	Total Commissioning	Average Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	64 RKM	13 RKM/year	-
2014-24	3,002 RKM	300 RKM/year	23.08 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.
