

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 56
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

*56. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects pending or not taken up for execution despite laying of foundation stones for the purpose in the country, State-wise including Bihar;
- (b) the present status of the said projects, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the time by which these projects are likely to be taken up and completed; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 BY SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned Zone wise and not State-wise/District-wise as projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway’s own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Bihar is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,132 crore/year
2024-25	₹10,033 crore (More than 8 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	318 Km	63.6 Km/Year
2014-24	1,669 Km	166.9 Km/Year (Nearly 3 times)

As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing ₹79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹26,983 crore has been incurred upto March’ 2024. The summary is as under:-

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Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in cr.)
New lines	31	2712	464	13629
Gauge Conversion	2	348	288	1520
Doubling / Multitracking	22	2005	442	11834
TOTAL	55	5,064	1,194	26,983

Also, as on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Bihar, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in cr.)
New Lines	187	20199	2855	160022
Gauge Conversion	40	4719	2972	18706
Doubling / Multitracking	261	19570	6218	113742
TOTAL	488	44,488	12,045	2,92,470

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and 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).

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.
