

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 603**  
**ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024**

**BUDGET FOR ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB**

603 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ongoing railway projects in Punjab and other States, their length, cost, the details thereof;
- (b) average annual budget for railways in Punjab and other States in the last five years;
- (c) the budget for 2023-24 for Punjab and other States for major projects:
- (d) list of stations selected for Amrit Bharat Yojana in Punjab and other States and proposed improvements; and
- (e) progress of stations where techno-economic feasibility studies are underway for redevelopment?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 603 BY SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING BUDGET FOR ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB.**

(a) to (c): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise 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.

As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Punjab, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. Rs 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. Rs 2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'24 (Cr)
New lines	187	20199	2855	160022
Gauge conversion	40	4719	2972	18706
Doubling / Multitracking	261	19570	6218	113742
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>44,488</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>2,92,470</b>

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 details of outlay for infrastructure projects across Indian Railways is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs 11,527 crore/year
2024-25	Rs 68,634 crore (about 6 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day ( more than 2 times)

## Punjab

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are covered under Northern Railway (NR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

As on 01.04.2024, 12 railway projects (06 New line and 06 Doubling) of total length 1158 km, costing Rs.19843 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 Rs. 7590 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (Rs. in cr.)
New Lines	6	367	61	5546
Doubling/Multitracking	6	791	194	2044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>7590</b>

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs. 225 crore/year
2024-25	Rs. 5147 Cr.

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	147 Km	29.4 Km/Year
2014-24	348 Km	34.8 Km/Year (18% more)

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.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far, 1337 stations including 30 stations in the State of Punjab have been identified for development under the scheme. 146 stations are at different stages of tendering and Master Planning. Master Planning is an iterative process requiring optimization and the details and time-frame for such optimization cannot be provided at this stage.

Stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in State of Punjab are Abohar, Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda Jn, Dhandari Kalan, Dhuri, Fazilka, Firozpur Cantt, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar Cantt, Jalandhar City, Kapurthala, Kotkapura, Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nangal Dam, Pathankot Cantt, Pathankot City, Patiala, Phagwara, Phillaur, Rup Nagar, Sangrur, SASN Mohali, Sirhind.

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