

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3318
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025

CHANDIGARH-BADDI RAILWAY LINE

3318 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the proportion of the financial cost to be shared by the Central and State Government, respectively for the Chandigarh – Baddi Railway Line;
- (b) whether any provision has been made for laying a separate loop line under the said railway line at Chandi Mandir for the trains going from Chandigarh to Baddi Barotibala, the industrial area of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Chandigarh-baddi (33 km) new line project is sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 1540 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis with Government of Himachal Pradesh. The work of Chandigarh-Baddi (30 km) new rail line project has been taken up. An expenditure of Rs. 967.9 crore has been incurred up to February'25. Accordingly, Himachal Pradesh had to deposit Rs. 483.95 crore. However, State Government have deposited Rs. 305 crore and balance share of Rs. 178.95 crore is outstanding with State Government of HP.

The Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Chandigarh – Baddi New Line alignment is passing through Chandi Mandir Station. The work of augmentation in number of lines at Chandi Mandir Station from existing 03 lines to 5 lines has been taken up as part of this new line project.

The completion of any Railway project 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.
