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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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SURVEY OF AREAS UNCONNECTED WITH RAILWAY NETWORK

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey related to the areas which are still not connected by the rail network of the country ;
- (b) whether the survey of Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh has also been done, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the said area will also be surveyed in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/region-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, 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 infrastructural Projects in the State of Madhya Pradesh are covered by South East Central Railway, West Central Railway, Central Railway, North Western Railway, East Central Railway, North Central Railway and Western Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

During the last three years i.e. FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current FY, 892 surveys (267 New Line, 11 Gauge Conversion & 614 Doubling) of total length 61,462 Km have been sanctioned across the country, out of which 59 surveys (17 New Line and 42 Doubling) of total length 5,523 Km falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh including Nimar region have been sanctioned.

The following projects/surveys will improve connectivity to Nimar region:-

- (i) Indore-Manmad New Line (309 Km) costing `16321 crore has been recently sanctioned;
- (ii) Work on Indore-Dahod New Line (205 km) via Sardarpur, Jhabua, Dhar and Chotta Udepur- Dhar New Line (157 km) via Alirajpur have also been taken up;
- (iii) Survey of Alirajpur-Barwani-Julwania-Khargone-Khandwa New Line (250 km), Dr. Ambedkar Nagar –Khandwa Doubling (112 km), Khandwa-Itarsi 3rd & 4th line (192 km) have been sanctioned.

After firming up of Detailed Project Report, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc.

As on 01.04.2025, 24 projects (08 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 14 Doubling), of total length of 4,740 Km, costing `89,542 crore falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh including Nimar region are sanctioned, out of which 2093 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of `41,401 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The status of work is summarized as under:-

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Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹ in crore)
New Lines	8	1,914	544	15,069
Gauge Conversion	2	809	430	6,766
Doubling / Multitracking	14	2,017	1,118	19,566
Total	24	4,740	2,093	41,401

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹632 crore/year
2025-26	₹14,745 crore (More than 23 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under :-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	145 Km	29 Km/year
2014-25	2,651 Km	241 km/year (More than 8 times)
