

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES AND ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAYS IN
MAHARASHTRA**

1541 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is keen on completing the doubling of railway lines and electrification of Railways in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and number of such projects that are underway in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the time frame for completion of this work and the time frame by which the required aid may be expected?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Budget allocation during the last five years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year
2025-26	₹23,778 crore (More than 20 times)

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

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 Km/year
2014-25	2,292 Km	208.36 Km/year (More than 3 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 38 projects (11 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversion and 25 Doubling), of a total length of 5,098 km, costing ₹89,780 crore, falling fully/partly in Maharashtra, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of sanctioned Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (Km)	Exp. upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	11	1,355	234	10,504
Gauge Conversion	02	609	334	4,286
Doubling/ Multitracking	25	3,134	1,792	24,617
Total	38	5,098	2,360	39,407

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway (CR), South Central Railway (SCR), Western Railway (WR), South East Central Railway (SECR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zones of Indian Railways.

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are as under:

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Pune-Miraj-Londa Doubling (467 Km)	4,670
2	Manmad-Jalgaon 3rd line (160 Km)	2,574
3	Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion (300 Km)	2,005
4	Chhindwara-Nagpur Gauge Conversion (150 Km)	1,512
5	Panvel-Pen Doubling (35 Km)	263
6	Pen-Roha Doubling (40 Km)	330
7	Udhna-Jalgaon Doubling (307 Km)	2,448
8	Mudkhed-Parbhani Doubling (81 Km)	673
9	Bhusawal-Jalgaon 3rd line (24 Km)	325

10	Jalgaon-Bhusawal 4th line (24 Km)	261
11	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (225 Km)	3,182

Some of the main projects falling fully/partly in the Maharashtra which have been taken up are as under:

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1	Ahilyanagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath new line (261 Km)	4,957
2	Baramati-Lonand new line (64 Km)	1,844
3	Wardha-Nanded new line (284 Km)	3,445
4	Indore-Manmad new line (360 Km)	18,529
5	Wadsa-Gadchiroli new line (52 Km)	1,886
6	Jalna-Jalgaon new line (174 Km)	5,804
7	Daund-Manmad Doubling (236 Km)	3,037
8	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd line (68 Km)	1,433
9	Wardha-Nagpur 3rd line (76 Km)	698
10	Wardha-Ballarshah 3rd line (132 Km)	1,385
11	Itarsi-Nagpur 3rd line (280 Km)	2,450
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Wardha-Nagpur 4th line (79 Km)	1,137
14	Jalgaon-Manmad 4th Line (160 Km)	2,574
15	Bhusawal-Khandwa 3rd & 4th Line (131 Km)	3,285

Further, during the last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current financial year 2025-26, 98 surveys (29 New Line, 2 Gauge Conversion and 67 Doubling) of total length 8,603 Km falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, have been sanctioned.

Electrification of railway network on Indian Railway has been taken up in mission mode. So far, about 99.2% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. The electrification in remaining network has been taken up. Electrification carried out during 2014-25 and before 2014 is as under:

Period	Route Kilometer
Before 2014 (about 60 years)	21,801
2014-25	46,900

In Maharashtra, entire existing BG network has been electrified. Further, all new line/multitracking projects are being sanctioned and constructed with electrification.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,
- Railway's own operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition
- Forest clearance
- Shifting of infringing utilities
- Statutory clearances from various authorities
- Geological and topographical conditions of area
- Law and order situation in the area of project site
- Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.
