

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3924**  
**ANSWERED ON 27.03.2026**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MERTA CITY–PUSHKAR RAILWAY LINE**

3924# SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made after the budget approval of the Merta City–Pushkar railway line, which is important from tourism and religious perspectives;
- (b) whether there are any obstacles in commencing the work on the said project due to which the project is getting delayed, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the said project is likely to be started and the details of the time line fixed for its completion?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Railway has taken up construction of Merta - Pushkar railway line project (51 Km) at a cost of ₹800 crore. The project has been declared as ‘Special Railway Project’ for land acquisition. Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has been nominated. Award for land acquisition has been published. Works have been taken up.

**Rajasthan**

**Railway Budget:**

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan is as under:-

Period	Outlay
<b>2009-14</b>	₹682 crore/year
<b>2025-26</b>	₹9,960 crore (Nearly 15 times)

**Track Construction:**

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.60 Km/year
2014-25	3,815 Km	346.82 Km/year (More than 2 times)

**Project Sanctioned:**

As on 01.04.2025, 28 projects (13 New Lines, 05 Gauge Conversion and 10 Doubling), covering a total length of 3,409 Km, costing ₹43,918 crore, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	13	981	196	5769
Gauge Conversion	5	1252	788	6829
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1176	254	6357
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>18,954</b>

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

**Recently completed projects:**

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Bangurgram-Ras New Line (28 km)	175
2	ThaiyatHamira-Sonu New Line (58 Km)	350
3	Suratpura- Sriganganagar Gauge Conversion (241 Km)	896
4	Sadulpur-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana Gauge Conversion (438 Km)	886
5	Jaipur -Churu & Sikar-Loharu Gauge Conversion (320 Km)	1105
6	Bhagat ki Kothi-Luni Doubling (28 Km)	128
7	Rani-Keshav Ganj Doubling (59 Km)	290

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Latest Cost (₹ in crore)</b>
8	Guriya-Marwar & Karjoda-Palanpur Doubling (49 Km)	251
9	Rani-Marwar Doubling (52 Km)	346
10	Abu Road-Swaroop Ganj Doubling (26 Km)	195
11	Abu Road-Sarotra Road Doubling (24 Km)	152
12	Alwar-Bandikui Doubling (60 Km)	450
13	Ajmer-Bangurgram Doubling (48 Km)	375
14	Bangurgram-Guriya Patch Doubling (47 Km)	395
15	Degana-Rai ka Bagh Doubling (146 Km)	809
16	Bina-Kota Doubling (283 Km)	2476
17	Nimach-Chittaurgarh Doubling (56 Km)	560
18	Dausa-Gangapur City Doubling (93 Km)	950
19	Phulera-Degana Doubling (108 Km)	702
20	Churu-Ratangarh Doubling (43 Km)	423

### **Ongoing projects:**

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

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in crore)</b>
1	Nimach-Badi Sadri New Line (48 Km)	495
2	Taranga Hill-Abu Road New Line (116 Km)	2798
3	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal New Line (277 Km)	5073
4	Ringus-Khatu Shyam Ji New Line (17 Km)	254
5	Merta city-Ras New Line & Bye Pass at Merta Road Station (56 Km)	947
6	Gwalior-Sheopurkalan Gauge Conversion with extension to Kota (284 Km)	2913
7	Dholpur-Sirmuttra Gauge Conversion with extension to Gangapur City (145 Km)	747
8	Mavli-DevgarhMadariya Gauge Conversion (83 Km)	969
9	Mathura-Jhansi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line (274 Km)	5924

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
10	Agra Fort-Bandikui Doubling (150 Km)	988
11	Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur Doubling (131 Km)	1204
12	Churu-Sadulpur& Luni-Bhildi Doubling (330 Km)	3554
13	Ajmer-Chanderiya Doubling (178 Km)	1635
14	Bye Pass line at Sawaimadhopur (14 Km)	304
15	Rewari-Khatuwas Doubling (28 Km)	352
16	Khatuwas-Narnaul Doubling (24 Km)	313
17	Bye Pass line at Marwar (4 Km)	71
18	Bypass line at Churu (5 Km)	63
19	Bypass line at Samdari (1 Km)	26
20	Ramdevra-Pokhran new line (13 Km)	189
21	Lalgarh-Bikaner East Cabin doubling (11 Km)	279
22	Ringas-Sikar Doubling (50 Km)	470
23	Umra-Debari Doubling (25 Km)	492

In last three years, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 59 surveys (25 new line & 34 doubling) of total length 5,666 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned.

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 by State Government
- 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.

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

Railway Infrastructure projects enable socio-economic development of the region including:

- Better integration of the region with other parts of the country
- Faster movement of goods and services
- Improving logistics efficiency
- Enhance line capacity
- Increase in direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people of the region
- Reduces operational bottlenecks
- Development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region.

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