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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ABEYANCE IN WEST BENGAL

2364 SHRI BISWAJIT SINHA (RAHUL SINHA):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) complete list of railway projects falling fully or partly in West Bengal that have been kept in abeyance at any point during the last five years, indicating the year of sanction, year placed in abeyance, original sanctioned cost and current estimated cost for each;
- (b) specific reasons for each such project being kept in abeyance, including whether land acquisition failure, law and order issues or lack of cooperation by the State Government were the factors;
- (c) cumulative cost escalation incurred on account of these projects remaining in abeyance, project-wise; and
- (d) current status of the projects, whether any project has been revived, restarted or formally dropped?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): Some of the projects in West Bengal were sanctioned as individual/part of already ongoing projects. However, many of them could not be taken up due to non-cooperation by State Government on issues related to land acquisition, law & order problems etc. However, considering demand from public, it has been decided to take up following projects again:

1. Prantik-Siuri (34 Km) new line
2. Bangaon-Poramaheshtala (20 km) new line
3. Bangaon-Chandbazar (12 Km) new line
4. Chandbazar-Bagdah (14 Km) new line
5. Ranaghat (Aranghata)-Duttaphulia (8 Km) new line
6. Kanthi-Egra (26 Km) new line
7. Nandakumar-Balaipanda (28 Km) new line
8. Nandigram-Kandiamari (Nayachar) (7 Km) new line
9. Bowaichandi-Arambagh (31 Km) new line
10. Bowaichandi-Khana (24 Km) new line
11. Bakura(Kalabati)-Purilia via Hura (65 Km) new line
12. Raiganj-Itahar (22 km) new line
13. Gazole-Itahar (27 Km) new line

14. Itahar-Buniadpur (27 Km) new line
15. Chalsa-Naxal (20 Km) new line
16. Rajabhatkhawa-Jaintia (15 Km) new line
17. Raiganj-Dalkhola (43 Km) new line

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are covered under Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways.

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

West Bengal:

Railway Budget:

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allotment of projects is made commensurate to the progress achieved in any project. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs.4,380 Cr./year
2026-27	Rs. 14,205 Cr. (More than 3 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 63 projects (14 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 45 Doubling), covering a total length of 5,148 Km, costing ₹83,433 crore, falling fully/partly in West Bengal are sanctioned. The summary is as under:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2026 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	14	1,056	337	13,872
Gauge Conversion	4	1,201	854	3,676
Doubling/Multi-tracking	45	2,891	530	10,401
Total	63	5,148	1,721	27,949

Recently Completed Projects:

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

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Rampurhat-Mandarhill new line (130 Km)	908
2	Azimganj-Murshidabad new line (7 Km)	164
3	Bardhaman-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	696
4	Ahmedpur-Katwa Gauge Conversion (52 Km)	440
5	Panskura Kharagpur Doubling (45 Km)	408
6	Lalgola – Jiaganj Doubling (23 Km)	124
7	Krishnanagar-Bethuadahari Doubling (28 Km)	152
8	Nabadwipdham-Patuli Doubling (22 Km)	170
9	Bethuadhahari-Plassey Doubling (23 km)	132
10	Ambikakalna-Nabadwipdham Doubling (23 km)	145
11	Nalhati-Sagardighi Doubling (26 km)	193
12	Tamluk Jn.- Basulya Sutamata Doubling (24 km)	245
13	Plassey- Jiaganj Doubling (54 km)	234
14	Azimganj-Manigram Doubling (21 km)	150
15	New Coochbehar-Gumanihat Doubling (29 km)	330
16	New Coochbehar-Samuktala Road Doubling (29 km)	445
17	Sainthia-Tarapith 3rd line (22 Km)	186
18	Ambari Falakata-New Maynaguri Doubling (38 km)	843
19	Bandel-Boinchi - 3rd line (31 km)	546
20	Boinchi-Shaktigarh 3rd line (26 km)	424
21	Bazar Sau-Azimganj Jn. Doubling (42 km)	343
22	Sagardighi- Malda Town Doubling (25 Km)	248
23	Kharagpur-Narayangarh 3rd line (24 km)	270
24	Monigram-Nimtita Doubling (24 Km)	713
25	Purulia-Kotshila Doubling (36 Km)	393

Ongoing Projects:

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

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Chandil- Damodar 3rd Line(121 Km)	1,932
2	Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur New Line (83 Km)	1,542
3	Sivok-Rangpo New Line (44 Km)	11,973
4	Balurghat-Hilli New Line (30 Km)	1,209
5	Kaliyaganj-Buniadpur New Line (33 Km)	1,147
6	Katihar-Kumedpur and Katihar-Mukuria Doubling (65 Km)	943
7	Kharagpur-Adityapur 3rd line (132 Km)	3,450
8	Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3rd line (153 Km)	3,425
9	Kalipahari-Bakhtarnagar 5th Line (18Km)	350
10	Dankuni-Baltikuri 3rd & 4th line (18 Km)	429
11	Murarai-Barharwa 3rd Line (49 Km)	935
12	Ranaghat-Krishnanagar City 3rd Line (26 Km)	446
13	Aluabari Road-New Jalpaiguri 3rd & 4th Line (57 Km)	1,630
14	Sainthia-Pakur 4th Line (81 Km)	1,569
15	Santragachi- Kharagpur 4th Line (111 Km)	2,905
16	Barbenda-Damrugutu Doubling, Damrugutu-Bokaro Steel City 3rd & 4th Line (52 Km)	815
17	Ranaghat-Bangaon doubling (33 Km)	396
18	Hijli to Nimpura Through yard 3rd line (6 Km)	234
19	Doubling of New Jalpaiguri- Siliguri (7 Km)	215
20	Thakurganj-Siliguri Doubling (56 Km)	916
21	Bypass line at Rampur hat (12 Km)	190

Coordination with State Government:

In order to strengthen coordination for expeditious implementation of railway connectivity projects across state, monitoring progress of such projects & facilitating coordinated resolution of implementation issues, a task force has been constituted under chairmanship of Chief Secretary, West Bengal by Govt of West Bengal.

Chingrighata Matter:

Further, temporary diversion of traffic at Chingrighata crossing for launching of viaduct segments for construction of Kolkata Metro was permitted by state government in May-26 after almost 1.5 years since the request made. The work of Chingrighata crossing has finally been completed in May-26.

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.

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