

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 753
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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KHARSIA-PARMALKASA RAIL PROJECT

753# SMT. LAXMI VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Kharsia-Parmalkasa Rail Project and the timeline set for its completion;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the potential economic and industrial benefits of connecting a key industrial hub such as Baloda Bazar district via this rail route, particularly in the context of cement and mineral transportation; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the construction of this rail route would reduce traffic congestion on the Bilaspur-Raipur main line and lead to estimated annual savings of approximately ₹2,520 crore in logistics costs, if so, the steps to be taken by Government to expedite the implementation of the said project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c):

The work of Kharsia – Naya Raipur – Parmalkasa New Double Line (278 Km) has been sanctioned in April 2025 at a cost of ₹ 7,854 Cr. Total 1852 Ha land is required for the project passing through 8 districts of Chhattisgarh. The project has been notified as a ‘Special Railway Project’ for land acquisition. Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has been appointed and Land acquisition has been taken up.

The potential economic and industrial benefits of connecting key industrial hubs in this alignment such as Baloda Bazar district through this route has been assessed during planning of this project. Accordingly, a goods shed has also been planned to be constructed at Baloda Bazar.

Bilaspur – Raipur main line is one of the busiest sections of Indian Railways. Presently, this section has 3 lines and construction of 4th line has been taken up. However, considering the traffic passing through this section, connectivity from Kharsia (which is a gateway to coal belt of MCL Coal Field) to Parmalkasa, bypassing Bilaspur, Raipur and Durg has been planned through this project.

Completion of this Rail Project is expected to reduce traffic congestion on the Bilaspur-Raipur main line.

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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 Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-2014	₹311 Cr./year
2026-2027	₹7,470 Cr. (approx. 24 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	32 Km	6.4 Km per year
2014-26	1,311 Km	109.29 Km per year (17 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 36 projects (8 New Lines and 28 Doubling), of total length of 2,398 Km, costing ₹48,202 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh 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.)
NL	8	887	262	7,535
DL	28	1,512	889	11,298
TOTAL	36	2,398	1,151	18,833

Recently Completed Projects:

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (cr.)
1	Kharsia-Korichhapar New Line (43 Km)	851

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (cr.)
2	Bilaspur-Urkura 3rd line (110 Km)	365
3	Salka Road-Khongsara doubling (26 Km)	181
4	Durg-Rajnandgaon Doubling (31 Km)	250
5	Khodri Anuppur Doubling with flyover at Bilaspur (72 Km)	792
6	Champa-Jharsuguda 3 rd Line (152 Km)	1,227
7	Pendra Road –Annupur 3 rd Line (50 Km)	394
8	Raipur - Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km)	1,171
9	Dallirajahra-Rowghat (95 Km)	1,628

Ongoing Projects:

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

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (Cr)
1	Kharsia-Dharamjaygarh New Line (122 Km)	3,407
2	Gevra Road-Pendra Road New Line (135 Km)	3,724
3	Dharamjaigarh-Korba New Line (63 Km)	1,686
4	Chirimiri-Nagpur Halt New Line (17 Km)	670
5	Sardega-Bhalumunda New Line (37 Km)	1,282
6	Kharsia - Parmalkasa 5th and 6th line (278 Km)	7,854
7	Rowghat-Jagdalpur New Line (140 Km)	3,513
8	Kirandul-Jadgalpur Doubling (150 km)	1,780
9	Jagdalpur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)	1,547
10	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur -4th line (206 Km)	2,596
11	Gevra Rd-Pendra Rd Doubling (135 Km)	3,475
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3 rd line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Raipur-Dhamtari & Abhanpur-Rajim gauge conversion (67.20 km)	3,250
14	Boridand- Ambikapur Doubling (80 Km)	1,577
15	4th line between of Durg-Rajnandgaon (31 Km)	464
16	Gondia-Dongargarh 4th line (84 Km)	2,223
17	Baikunth- Urkura 4th line (26 Km)	426
18	Champa-Korba 3 rd Line (42 Km)	755

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.
