

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.156  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

**ONGOING RAIL PROJECTS**

**†\*156 SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of ongoing rail projects in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether all the ongoing rail projects are being completed within the fixed time-frame and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons identified for non-completion of these projects within a fixed time-frame;**
- (d) whether new rail projects have been started in the above States and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken for speedy and timely implementation of the said projects in both the States?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

**(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.156 BY SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI AND SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2017 REGARDING ONGOING RAIL PROJECTS**

**(a): 15 new lines, 9 Gauge Conversion, 49 doubling projects falling fully/partially in the State of Uttar Pradesh are in different stages of implementation. 12 new lines, 4 Gauge Conversion, 19 doubling projects falling fully/partially in the State of Maharashtra are in different stages of implementation.**

**(b) & (c): Every railway project requires a number of clearances from various Ministries and Departments of State/Central Governments. These, inter-alia, include clearances inherent to land acquisition, forestry clearance and permission for road and canal crossings and also clearances from Archaeological Survey of India if the alignment passes in vicinity of a protected monument, local bodies for projects passing through urban areas, etc which are part of project execution. Process of seeking the approvals/clearances causes delay in completion of the projects. Further, Budget allotments for the projects are done on yearly basis. These factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.**

**(d) : (i) The following new rail projects falling fully/partially in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Plan Head</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Length of project</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Robertsganj-Mugalsarai via Madhupur, Sukrit, Ahrora</b>	<b>70 km</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Padrauna-Kushinagar via Gorakhpur</b>	<b>64 km</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Etah-Kasganj</b>	<b>29 km</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>Mathura - Vrindavan</b>	<b>11 km</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>Pilibhit-Shahjahanpur</b>	<b>83 km</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>Nanpara-Nepalganj Road</b>	<b>20 km</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Naini-Chheoki 3<sup>rd</sup> line with additional platform</b>	<b>2 km</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Malhaur-Daliganj doubling with electrification</b>	<b>12.62 km</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Barabanki-Malhaur -3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line</b>	<b>32.84 km</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Varanasi-Mughalsarai - 3<sup>rd</sup> line</b>	<b>16.72 km</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Jaunpur Jn.-Janpur City- Chord line</b>	<b>2.2 km</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Janghai-Phaphamau -doubling with electrification</b>	<b>46.79 km</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Bhapur-Panki- 4<sup>th</sup> line connecting down loop of Baupur to shunting neck of Panki</b>	<b>11 km</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Doubling</b>	<b>Construction of Kanpur Fly-over</b>	<b>30 km</b>

**Summary: New line- 163 km      Doubling- 154.17 km**  
**Gauge Conversion- 114km.**

**(ii) The following new rail projects falling fully/partially in the State of Maharashtra have been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals:**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Plan Head</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Length of project</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Hatkanagale-Ichalkaraji</b>	<b>8 km</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Jeur-Asthi</b>	<b>78 km</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>New Line</b>	<b>Phaltan-Pandharpur</b>	<b>105 km</b>

**Summary: New line- 191 km**

**(e): Indian Railways have taken various initiatives to increase the pace of execution of projects. This includes-**

- **Indian Railways has sanctioned about 12,600 Km of Doubling/3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> line to overcome the problem of congestion over high density network in the last three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18.**
- **Making higher fund allotment for projects. The capital expenditure for Railways has been increased from ₹ 58,718 Cr in 2014-15 to around ₹ 93,795 Cr in 2015-16 to ₹ 1,11,661 crore in 2016-17 and a plan size of ₹ 1,31,000 crore has been kept for 2017-18.**

- **Delegation of Powers to the field officers for tenders and estimates:**  
**The Zonal Railways have been delegated full powers with respect to works contracts. Full powers have been given to General Managers of Zonal Railways with respect to sanctioning of estimates. This has also resulted in cutting down time for sanction of estimate and tenders.**
- **Institutional financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹1.5 lac crore for assured funding of viable projects has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.**
- **Coordination with State/Central Ministries: To expedite the project execution and better coordination with State/Central Ministries, regular coordination meetings are being held with Ministries/ Departments / State Government Authorities. A senior Railway officer has been nominated as a Nodal officer to deal with each State Government.**

**With these initiatives, 656 km New Lines/ Gauge Conversion/ Doubling have been commissioned by introduction of passenger services in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17). Similarly, 222 km of New Lines/ Gauge Conversion/ Doubling have been commissioned by introduction of passenger services in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17).**

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