

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2863
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

EXTENSION OF WORK OF RAILWAY IN MAHARASHTRA

†2863. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest status of the railway projects, operation of new trains and implementation of extension work of railways in Maharashtra and Rajasthan during the last three years; and**
- (b) the time by which each of these projects is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2863 BY SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.07.2019 REGARDING EXTENSION OF WORK OF RAILWAY IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) As on 01.04.2019, 491 Railway projects including 189 New Lines, 55 Gauge Conversion and 247 Doubling/3rd Line/4th Line projects are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution in Indian Railways. The total length of these projects is 48,861 km costing of ₹6.48 lakh crore. The total expenditure on these projects upto March, 2019 is ₹1.43 lakh crore and length commissioned is 9113 km.

Maharashtra: As on 01.04.2019, 37 Railway projects including 16 New Lines, 4 Gauge Conversion and 17 Doubling/3rd Line/4th Line projects falling fully/partly in Maharashtra, are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution. The total length of these projects is 5,843 km and costing is ₹69,181 crores. The total expenditure on these projects upto March, 2019 is ₹12702 crores and length commissioned is 806 km. An outlay of ₹4,647 crores has been provided for these projects in Interim Budget 2019-20.

Rajasthan: As on 01.04.2019, 30 Railway projects including 11 New Lines, 6 Gauge Conversion and 13 Doubling/3rd Line/4th Line projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan, are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution. The total length of these projects is 4,522 km and costing ₹42,820 crores. The total expenditure on these projects upto March, 2019 is ₹6730 crores and length commissioned is 856 km. An outlay of ₹2,325 crores has been provided for these projects in Interim Budget 2019-20.

The details of all works in progress and new works including funds spent on each project, allotment of funds and expenditure are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in>Ministry of Railways>Railway Board>About Indian Railways>Railway Board Directorates>Finance (Budget)>2018-19_List_of_Works or Pink Book 2017-18 or Pink Book 2016-17.

Indian Railways do not operate trains on State-wise basis as Railway network cut across State boundaries. However, during the last three years (2016-17 to 2018-19), 98 trains (in single) serving the stations located in State of Maharashtra and 48 trains (in single) serving the stations located in the State of Rajasthan have been introduced.

(b) Completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground & over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law & order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/ contractors etc. and all these factors differs from project to project and affects the completion time of the project. As such, firm completion time of the projects can not be fixed at this stage.