

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHANDIGARH AND BADDI

†*210. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of construction of a rail line from Chandigarh to Baddi industrial area has been started;**
- (b) if so, the details including the total funds sanctioned therefor; and**
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 210 BY SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHANDIGARH AND BADDI

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The work of Chandigarh-Baddi (33 Km) new rail line project have been taken up. The sanctioned cost of the project is ₹ 1540.14 Cr. This project is a cost sharing project wherein Government of Himachal Pradesh is sharing 50% of cost. For financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 450 Crore has been provided. Contract for civil works awarded in Himachal Pradesh portion. Tenders for Haryana portion has been initiated.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Himachal Pradesh during 2014-19, has increased to ₹ 280 crore per year from ₹ 108 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 159% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects for financial year 2020-21 has been ₹ 597 crore (453 % more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14) and for financial year 2021-22 ₹ 873 crore (708% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 1780 crore has been provided, which is 1548% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

(c) The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). With these constraints, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.
