

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

BULLET TRAIN IN RAJASTHAN

†202. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and the length in kilometers of new railway tracks developed by the Railways in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;**
- (b) the details of ambitious projects being undertaken by Railways for providing connectivity of Rajasthan to the other cities in the coming years;**
- (c) whether the Railways has any plan to introduce bullet train in Rajasthan; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 202 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING BULLET TRAIN IN RAJASTHAN

(a) and (b) : Indian Railways projects are sanctioned zonal railway-wise, not state-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries.

During the last three years, i.e. from Financial Year 2019-20 to 2021-22, 805.72 km sections (96.42 km new line, 422.07 km doubling and 287.23 km gauge conversion) falling fully/partly in Rajasthan have been commissioned.

Various cities of Rajasthan are already connected with Indian Railways network. For further improving rail connectivity of cities of Rajasthan with other cities of India, 28 projects (11 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 12 doubling), costing ₹ 59,271 crore for 5,069 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,195 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 11,207 crore has been incurred upto March 2022. These include:

- 11 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,228 km at a cost of ₹ 16,942 crore, out of which 107 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,695 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

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- **05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering a length of 1,319 km at a cost of ₹ 12,690 crore, out of which 654 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,652 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- **12 Doubling Projects covering a length of 2,522 km at a cost of ₹ 29,639 crore, out of which 434 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,860 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

Rajasthan is covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of Railway projects, including cost, expenditure and outlay 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)>Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there is substantial increase in Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works,

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falling fully/partly in Rajasthan during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹ 2951 crore per year from ₹ 682 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual Budget allocation during 2014-19 is 333% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14. Budget allocation for these projects in 2019-20 has been increased to ₹ 4,686 crore (587% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 4,582 crore in financial year 2020-21 (572% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 6006 crore in financial year 2021-22 (781% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). Highest ever Budget outlay of ₹ 7565 crore has been provided for these projects for financial year 2022-23 which is 1009% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 2322 km sections (176 km New line, 771 km Gauge conversion and 1375 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan, have been commissioned at an average rate of 290.25 km per year, which is 82% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (159.60 Km/year).

(c) and (d) : No, Sir. At present, Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project (508 Km) is the only sanctioned High Speed Rail (HSR) project in the country which is under execution with the financial and technical assistance from Government of Japan. Further, Survey for a High Speed Rail Corridor between Delhi and Ahmedabad passing through the State of Rajasthan is underway.