

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

2373. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of survey approved for new railway lines in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the present status thereof, zone/section-wise particularly in the Lok Sabha constituencies of Giridih, Dhanbad, Hazaribagh and Ranchi;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent on these surveys during the last three years, zone-wise;**
- (c) whether the Railways has sanctioned projects for laying of new railway lines for which surveys have already been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, zone/section-wise;**
- (d) whether any time-frame has been fixed to reach a final decision on the completed survey reports for laying of new railway lines and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the projects for which surveys have already been completed?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a): New Railway line projects are surveyed/ sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not Parliamentary constituency wise as the Railways' surveys/projects may span across State/UT boundaries.

In the last three years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and in the current Financial year 2022-23, 149 surveys for New Lines of a total length of 10,501 km have been approved throughout the country including those falling fully/partly in parliamentary constituencies of Giridih, Dhanbad, Hazaribagh and Ranchi. Zonal Railway wise details of these surveys are given below:-

SN	Zone	No. of New line surveys approved.	Total Length (in km)
1	Central Railway	9	1013
2	East Coast Railway	20	1083
3	East Central Railway	17	873
4	Eastern Railway	4	150
5	North Central Railway	5	492
6	North Eastern Railway	4	437
7	Northeast Frontier Railway	8	994
8	Northern Railway	21	723
9	North Western Railway	9	658
10	South Central Railway	3	395
11	South East Central Railway	10	1232
12	South Eastern Railway	11	875
13	Southern Railway	3	233
14	South Western Railway	11	745
15	West Central Railway	5	149
16	Western Railway	9	449

(b): The details of funds allocated Zonal Railway wise for surveys taken up during the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2019-20 to

2021-22 and funds allocated in the current Financial Year 2022-23 alongwith expenditure incurred on surveys during the last three Financial Years i.e. 2019-2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 are given below:-

SN	Railway	Funds allocated for surveys (Revised Estimate) in last 03 years 2019-20 to 2021-22 (₹in crore)	*Expenditure incurred on surveys in the last 03 years 2019-20,2020-21 and 2021-22 (₹in crore)	Funds allocated for surveys in FY 2022-23 (Budget Estimate) (₹in crore)
1	Central	17.63	6.15	6.29
2	East Central	23.70	2.56	0.56
3	East Coast	4.07	0.38	3.59
4	Eastern	1.97	0.73	1.00
5	North Central	5.10	1.27	1.07
6	North Eastern	10.68	1.68	10.13
7	North Western	13.91	8.56	3.81
8	Northeast Frontier	12.98	12.15	6.30
9	Northern	106.97	73	7.60
10	South Central	14.30	5.69	7.72
11	South East Central	3.99	0.90	1.84
12	South Eastern	10.69	4.92	6.83
13	South Western	5.91	2.65	2.46
14	Southern	9.99	4.81	4.29
15	West Central	3.16	1.02	0.46
16	Western	9.70	4.93	3.54

(*Includes actual expenditure for FY 2019-20, 2020-21 and provisional expenditure for 2021-22).

(c): Yes, Sir. Out of the surveys completed in the last 03 years i.e.

FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and the current Financial year, 16 New Line projects have been sanctioned. Zonal Railway wise details are as under : -

Railway	No. of new line projects sanctioned in the last three years and current year.	Total length (in kms)
Central	01	108
East Coast	03	36
North Eastern	01	81
North Western	04	176
Northeast Frontier	01	2.7
South Western	04	212
Southern	01	17
Western	01	16

(d): Projects are appraised based on parameters brought out in Detailed Project Report (DPR)/Feasibility study reports. After firming up of various parameters, further sanctioning of project requires consultation with various state-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

(e): Various steps taken by the Government for speedy sanction and implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.