

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2460
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN MAILANI AND PILIBHIT

2460. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Broad Gauge Conversion of rail line between Mailani and Pilibhit Junction is complete, if not, the reasons for its delay; and**
(b) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) Gauge conversion of Mailani to Pilibhit has been taken up as part of Lucknow –Pilibhit (263 km) gauge conversion project. Cost of project is ₹1489 crore. Gauge conversion of Lucknow- Mailani - Shahgarh section (239 km) section has been completed and work on Shahgarh-Pilibhit section (24 km) has been taken up. So far, an expenditure of ₹1414 crore has been incurred. Budget outlay of ₹186 crore has been provided for the project for Financial Year 2022-23.

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Timely completion of Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, wildlife clearance, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site, etc., and all these factors affect the completion of the project. With above constraints, Railways is making all efforts for expeditious completion of project.

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