

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

RUNNING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

**2464. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various projects of Railway running in the Maval, Kolhapur, Hatkanangle and Buldhana Lok Sabha constituencies of Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether Member of Parliament/Public Representatives from the said area have been invited in the review meetings regarding these projects and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether higher officers under Pune Division of Central Railways does not take the letters and suggestions given and matter raised by the Member of Parliament seriously;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;**
- (e) whether the Government has given any direction to the Central Railway to take action against the complaints of misconduct by the higher officers with the Member of Parliament and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) whether the Government has directed the concerned officers of the Central Railways to provide information to the Member of Parliament regarding the railway projects running in their area and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464 BY SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV, SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE AND SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING RUNNING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/ Constituency-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State/ Constituency boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway projects (16 New line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling), costing ₹80,079 crore for 6,118 km length falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra including those falling fully/partly in Maval, Kolhapur, Hatkanangle and Buldhana constituencies, are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 1,154 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,297 crore incurred upto March, 2022. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects covering total length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹38,359 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,084 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 580 km at a cost of ₹7,062 crore, out of which 279 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,404 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- (iii) 16 Doubling projects covering total length of 3,521 km at a cost of ₹34,658 crore, out of which 782 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹13,809 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

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Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for safety works and infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning.

Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. Annual budget allocations on these projects have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹6,700 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (472% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹8,547 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (630% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, the highest ever Budget allocation of ₹11,903 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 916% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹1,171 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1141 Km sections (118 Km of New line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 887 Km of Doubling) have been commissioned in the state of Maharashtra at an average rate of 142.63 Km per year which is 144% more than commissioning during 2009-14(58.4km/year)

(b): Regular meetings with Members of Parliament are held. During the meeting, the agenda raised by them related to any running railway projects are also discussed.

(c) and (d): There is no such matter reported regarding refusal of letters and suggestions of Members of Parliament by the field units of Construction in Pune Division.

(e) and (f): No such complaint/s against any Officer/s has/have been received by the Railway.
