

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

NEW RAILWAY LINES

**2522. SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA
MAHASWAMIJI:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to complete various new railway lines in the country including Maharashtra and Karnataka, if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise;**
- (b) the details of various railway projects in Central Railway, South Western Railway and South Central Railways including laying of new railways lines, electrification, doubling of railway projects, gauge conversion/construction of by passes/bridges at railway crossings to avoid accidents, setting up of new railway gates, construction of underpasses, etc. zone, route-wise; and**
- (c) the action taken thereon since 2014 onwards to till date?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2522 BY SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA MAHASWAMIJI, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA, SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA, DR. UMESH G. JADHAV AND SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise/UT wise as the Railways' projects may span across various state boundaries. As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways including Maharashtra and Karnataka, 183 New line projects of total length 20,937 Km, costing approx. ₹4.0 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 2,831 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Zone-wise details of all ongoing 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).

MAHARASHTRA:

Railway Projects in Maharashtra are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), South Central Railway (SCR), South East Central Railway (SECR) and Western Railway (WR).

As on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway Projects (16 New Lines, 2 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling) of total length 6,118 Km, costing ₹80,079 crore, falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are under different

stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 1154 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,297 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment and commensurate commissioning of Railways infrastructure projects. 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. These allocations have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than the 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, 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, 1,141 km sections (118 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 887 km of Doubling) falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate of 142.69 km per year, which is 144% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km per year).

Karnataka

Railway Projects in Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR).

As on 01.04.2022, 32 railway projects (21 New line and 11 Doubling) of total length 4,330 km, costing ₹49,087 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 1305 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,258 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Karnataka, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 224% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹3,386 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (306% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,220 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (405% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,297 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (415% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹6,091 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 629% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹835 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1347 Km section (303 km of New line and 1044 km of Doubling) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 168 km per year, which is 49% more than commissioning during 2009-14(113 Km/Yr.).

The details of on-going Railway Electrification projects in Central Railway, South Western Railway and South Central Railway are as under:

Railway	No. of Projects	Total Route Km	Total Cost (₹ in crore)
Central Railway	1	377	369.64
South Western Railway	10	2,203	1864.43
South Central Railway	4	1,507	1699.01

The progress of Railway Electrification on Central Railway, South Western Railway and South Central Railway since 2014 onwards till 30.11.2022 are as under:

Railway	Total Route Km Electrified since 2014
Central Railway	1,832
South Western Railway	1,820
South Central Railway	2,887

At present, 300 ROBs/RUBs work in Central Railway, 329 ROBs/RUBs in South Central Railway and 89 ROBs/RUBs in South Western Railway are in progress or various stages of planning and estimation. Level Crossings are potential safety hazard for road and rail users. As a matter of policy, no new level crossing is being provided on existing line for safety consideration.

Total 534 ROBs/RUBs in Central Railway, 1070 ROBs/RUBs in South Central Railway and 617 ROBs/RUBs in South Western Railway has been completed since 2014 onwards to till date.

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.
