

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

RAILWAY WORKS IN MAHARASHTRA

**†*212. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new railway lines laid, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification works done by the Railways across the country including Maharashtra during the last five years;**
- (b) the present status of Parbhani-Purna Junction;**
- (c) whether any hindrance or difficulty/delay is being faced by the Railways in implementing/completing the said projects in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly in Maharashtra during the last five years;**
- (e) whether the difficulties have since been resolved and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (f) whether land has been acquired from farmers at many places;**
- (g) if so, whether any compensation has been given to these farmers; and**
- (h) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 BY SHRI SANJAY JADHAV AND SHRI VINAYAK RAUT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY WORKS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways, 452 Railway Infrastructure projects (183 New Line, 42 Gauge Conversion and 227 Doubling) of 49,323 Km length, costing approx. ₹ 7.33 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 11,518 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹ 2.35 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

The status of commissioning of New lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects across Indian Railways including Maharashtra during the last five years is summarized below:-

(in kms)

Plan Head	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Upto Feb'2023)
New Lines	409	480	360	286	289	1630
Gauge Conversion	454	597	408	470	636	159
Doubling	999	2519	1458	1614	1983	2654
Total	1862	3596	2226	2370	2908	4443

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Railway lines of 30,123 Route Kilometre (RKM) have been electrified across the country during the last five years and current year i.e. Yr. 2017-18 to Yr. 2022-23 which includes railway lines of 2,555 RKM falling in the state of Maharashtra. The details are given below:-

Year	Route Km(RKM) Electrified across the country	Route Km(RKM) Electrified in the State of Maharashtra
2017-18	4,087	363
2018-19	5,276	288
2019-20	4,378	210
2020-21	6,015	637
2021-22	6,366	584
2022-23(upto February, 2023)	4,001	473
TOTAL	30,123	2,555

Maharashtra

As on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway Infrastructure projects (16 New line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling), of total length 6,118 km costing ₹ 80,079 crore falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, are in 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.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise and Year-wise details of Railway projects including their 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.

(b): Parbhani-Purna doubling is a part of Mudkhed- Parbhani Doubling Project (81.43 km) and has already been commissioned in February, 2020.

(c) to (h): Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing

utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

For Railway projects in Maharashtra land acquisition of total 5779 ha revenue land and Forestry land diversion of 360 ha forest land has been taken up, out of these 4566 ha revenue land and Forest land diversion of 80 ha forest land has been completed and balance land acquisition of 1213 ha revenue land and Forest land diversion of 279 ha forest land is in different stages.

Railway acquires the land through concerned district authorities of state government. Railway deposits the requisite compensation amount as per land acquisition act with land acquisition authorities. Disbursement of compensation to land owners is made by State Government authorities.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in Ministry of Railways and Gati Shakti Units in divisions (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds (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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for infrastructure and safety work projects and commensurate commissioning of 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. Annual budget allocation 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), ₹ 8,547 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (630% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 11,903 crore in Financial Year 2022-23 (916% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2023-24, highest ever Budget allocation of ₹ 13,539 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 1056% 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), falling fully/partly in the state of Maharashtra, have been commissioned at an average rate of 142.63 Km per year which is 144% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4km/year)