

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1086  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

**STATUS OF PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**†1086. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH::**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the current status of pending rail projects in various railway zones of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar and Gujarat State/Project-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to complete said projects on time; and**
- (c) if so, the time by which the pending projects in Jammu, Poonch, Araria and Banaskantha are likely to be completed?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1086 BY SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL, SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA AND SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING STATUS OF PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**(a) to (c): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may spans 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 total length 49,323 Km, 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.**

**Zone-wise details of Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://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).**

**Jammu & Kashmir:**

**As on 01.04.2022, 01 New Line Project of total length of 272 Km, costing ₹37,012 crore, falling in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir is in different stages of execution, out of which 111 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹26,786 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Jammu & Kashmir, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,726 crore per year from ₹1,044 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 65% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹1,911 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (83% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹3,895 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (273% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,294 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (311% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹5,983 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 473% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,044 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 32 Km length (25 Km New Line and 7 Km Doubling projects) falling fully/partly in the State of Jammu & Kashmir have been commissioned at an average rate 4 Km/year.

**Bihar:**

Similarly, as on 01.04.2022, 52 Railway projects (32 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 16 doublings) of total length of 5,004 Km, costing ₹66,597 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1,240 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,038 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Bihar, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 170% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹5,560 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹6,606 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 484% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,132 crore per year).**

**During 2014-22, 1096 Km length (317 Km New Lines, 425 Km Gauge Conversion and 354 Km Doubling) projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate 137 Km/year, which is 115% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year Km).**

**Gujarat:**

**As on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway projects (04 new line, 19 gauge conversion and 11 doubling) of total length 3,727 Km, costing ₹30,740 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1,053 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹10,085 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**

**Since 2014, Average Annual Budget Allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Gujarat during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹3,327 crore per year from ₹ 589 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual Budget allocation during 2014-19 is 465% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14. Budget allocation for these projects has been increased to ₹ 4,803 crore in financial year 2019-20 (716% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 4,071 crore in financial year 2020-21 (591% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,924 crore in financial year 2021-22 (736% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). Budget outlay of ₹ 4,745 crore has been provided for these projects for financial year 2022-23 which is 706% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14.**

**During 2014-22, 1294 km sections (142 km New line, 607 km Gauge conversion and 545 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, have been commissioned at an average rate of 161.75 km per year, which is 22.54% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (132 Km/year).**

**The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by cost sharing authorities in cost sharing project(s), priority of project(s), 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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s). With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.**

**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.**

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