

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1097
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

1097. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing railway projects in Maharashtra including those announced during the last five year Union Budgets;**
- (b) the details of the railway projects announced during the last five year Union Budgets for Maharashtra but have not been taken up for execution so far, project-wise, along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated/spent along with the funds lying unspent for the said projects during the last three years, project-wise, along with the reasons for unspent funds;**
- (d) the reasons for the delay in timely completion of these projects; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard and to avoid further escalation of cost of these projects?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1097 BY SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (e): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway 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 including those announced during the last five year Union Budgets, 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.**

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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, West Central 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.

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.

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 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for infrastructure and safety work projects and commensurate commissioning of projects in Indian Railways.

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), 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)
