GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3619 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH

† 3619. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY: SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various railway projects sanctioned in Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh during the last five years along with the progress made thereunder;
- (b) the details of ongoing projects along with the projects under consideration in Rajgarh Parliamentary Constituency;
- (c) the date on which said projects were sanctioned by Railway Board along with the total funds allocated and utilized thereunder;
- (d) the status of land acquisition for all these ongoing rail projects;
- (e) the time by which all these ongoing projects are targeted to be completed in Madhya Pradesh in view of the delay in these projects; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to start any new train connecting Bhind and Datia to Delhi and Bhopal and if so, the efforts being made by the Government for providing rail facility in these aspirational districts?

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. 3619 BY SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY AND SHRI RODMAL NAGAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH

(a) to (e): Railway Projects are not sanctioned State-wise/ District-wise/Constituency-wise but sanctioned Zone-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2022, 33 Railway Infrastructure projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 23 doubling), costing ₹ 84,469 crore for 5,872 km length falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,319 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 23,780 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.

During last five years and current year (2017-18 to 2022-23), 09 Projects (02 New Line and 07 Doubling) costing ₹ 10,041 Crore for 903 km length falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned which include projects in Malwa region. An expenditure of ₹ 720.93 crore has been incurred upto March 2022 on these projects. These include:

- 02 New Line Projects covering total length of 253 km at a cost of ₹ 3757 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 86.34 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.
- 07 Doubling Projects covering total length of 649.9 km at a cost of ₹ 6283.84 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 634.59 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh are covered by North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway, East Central Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway and South East Central Railway Zones of Indian Railways. The details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure projectwise and Zonal Railway-wise 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), Pink Book (year)>Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

The list of these projects & year of sanction is as under:

SN	Name of Project	Year of sanction	Length of project (Km.)
NEW LINE			
1	Indore-Budni (Indore- Jabalpur)	2018-19	205
2	Nimach-Badi Sadri	2018-19	48
DOUBLING			
1	Jhansi-Khairar- Manikpur & Khirar- Bhimsen	2017-18	425
2	Indore-Dewas-Ujjain	2017-18	79.00
3	Nimach-Ratlam	2018-19	133.00
4	Ruthiyai-Bye Pass line	2019-20	3
5	Guna-Bye Pass line	2019-20	2
6	Ujjain-Fly Over	2019-20	2
7	4th Line between Shahdol-Singhpur	2022-23	6

Land acquisition is a continuous process. For ongoing projects falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh, land acquisition of total 5743 Ha Revenue Land and Forest Land Diversion of 1075 Ha Forest Land has been taken up. Out of which, 3827 Ha Revenue Land has been acquired and Forest Land Diversion of 264 Ha land has been completed. Balance land acquisition of 1916 Ha Revenue Land and Forest Land Diversion of 811 Ha land is in different stages of acquisition/ diversion.

The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by

officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project. Therefore, confirmed timeline cannot be given.

(f) At present, Delhi-Gwalior-Datia-Bhopal sector is being served by 04 pairs of Mail/Express services. Passengers of Bhind may also avail services of these trains from Gwalior (82 km from Bhind). Owing to operational constraints including terminal constraints at Delhi and Bhopal, at present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of new train connecting Bhind/Datia with Delhi and Bhopal. However, introduction of train service(s) is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.
