

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4719
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

RAIL FACILITIES IN MALWA NIMAD AREA

† 4719 SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of schemes being implemented by the Ministry in Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) the names of schemes being implemented by the Government for development of tribal areas;**
- (c) the names of rail projects being implemented in Malwa-Nimad area and the names of schemes which are under consideration of the Government;**
- (d) whether the Government has allocated any special budget for upgradation and development of rail facilities in Malwa-Nimad areas;**
- (e) whether the Government has proposed any new plan to connect Khargone-Barwani-Dhar-Jhabua-Alirajpur so that rail facility could be provided in tribal dominated areas; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

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. 4719 BY SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING RAIL FACILITIES IN MALWA-NIMAD AREA

(a) to (d): Projects are not sanctioned State-wise/ District-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. Moreover, Projects are sanctioned based on demand, traffic survey, strategic and commercial considerations and socio-economic grounds.

As on 01.04.2022, 33 Railway infrastructure projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 23 doubling), costing ₹ 84,470 crore for 5,872 km length falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh including in Malwa Nimar region and tribal dominated region 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. These include:

- 08 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,979 km at a cost of ₹ 36,163 crore, out of which 355 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 6,606 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- 02 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 780 km at a cost of ₹ 10,764 crore, out of which 279 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,015 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- 23 Doubling Projects covering total length of 3,113 km at a cost of ₹ 37,542 crore, out of which 685 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 14,159 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

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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 project-wise 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹ 4,213 crore per year from ₹ 632 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 567% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹ 6,906 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (993% more than average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 6,509 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (930% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 9,041 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (1331% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, Budget allocation of ₹ 12,110 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 1816% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14. Further for the financial year 2023-24, highest ever Budget allocation of ₹ 13,607 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 2053% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹ 632 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1515 km sections (293 km New line, 631 km Gauge conversion and 591 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh, have been commissioned at an average rate of 189.38 km per year, which is 553% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (29 km per year).

(e) and (f): To provide rail connectivity to tribal dominated area, survey for Khandwa- Dhar via Khargaone- Barwani (260 Km.) has been sanctioned and field survey work has been completed. Work on Dhar-Jhabua section has been taken up as part of Dahod-Indore New Line (204.76 Km) Project costing ₹ 1873 cr. However, there is no proposal for direct connectivity between Jhabua – Alirajpur.
