

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4795  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

**LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN**

**†4795. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to lay new railway lines in various parts of the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the proposals from various States regarding laying of new railway lines in the country are under consideration of the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government is considering to lay the Gajsinghpur-Padampur-Binjhbhyla-Goluwala-Hanumangarh-Nohar railway line which was announced by the then Prime Minister in the year 1998;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4795 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN**

**(a): Yes, Sir. The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries. As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways including Rajasthan, 183 New Line projects of total length of 20,937 km, costing approx. ₹4.0 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 2,831 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**

**As on 01.04.2022, 11 New Line projects of total length of 1,228 km, costing ₹16,942 crore, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 107 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,695 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered in North Western Railway (NWR), North Central Railway (NCR), Northern Railway (NR), Western Railway (WR) zone of Indian Railways.**

**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 Rajasthan, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 333% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These budget allocations have increased to ₹4,686 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (587% more than the Average Annual Budget**

**allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,582 crore in Financial Year 2020-21(572% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) , ₹6,006 crore for Financial Year 2021-22 (781% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹7,565 crore for Financial Year 2022-23 (1009% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2023-24, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹9,532 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 1298 % more than of the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year).**

**During 2014-22, 2322 Km length (176 km of New line, 771 km Gauge conversion and 1,375 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan has been commissioned at an average rate 290.25 km per year, which is 82% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (159.6 Km/Yr.).**

**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).**

**(b): Proposals/suggestions for new lines both formal as well as informal regarding surveys/projects of new line are received by Railways at various levels viz. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such proposals/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.**

**New line projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. Detailed Project Report (DPR) is prepared for all projects including those in Rajasthan which are found feasible after survey. Projects are appraised based on parameters brought out in DPR. After firming up of various parameters, further sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs etc. Sanctioning of projects is a continuous process.**

**(c) to (e): Gajsinghpur, Hanumangarh and Nohar are already connected through railway network. Gajsinghpur is connected to Hanumangarh via either Sri Ganganagar or Suratgarh. Further, Hanumangarh to Nohar is an existing Rail line.**

**Survey of Gajsinghpur-Sadulpur (248.54 km) via Padampur, Goluwala, Rawatsar, Taranagar, Dadrewa was completed in 2015-16. Project could not be taken forward due to low traffic potential.**

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