

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UJJAIN

†5446. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of ongoing and pending railway projects in Ujjain;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released for the development of the said projects in Ujjain; and**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure timely completion of the said projects, if so, the details thereof?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5446 BY SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING ONGOING/ PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UJJAIN.

(a) to (c) The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise, not State-wise or area-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

Railway has taken up Indore-Dewas-Ujjain (79 kilometers) doubling project at a cost of ₹ 757 crores. So far, an expenditure of ₹ 575 crores has been incurred and 52 km doubling has been completed. Work has been taken up in balance section.

Moreover, 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 including that falling in Ujjain area 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.

Railway projects falling fully/ partly in Madhya Pradesh including Ujjain 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 Zonewise details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure etc., 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. 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. Annual Budget allocations on these projects 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), ₹ 9,041 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (1331% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 12,110 crore in Financial Year 2022-23 (1816% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For financial year

2023-24, the 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).

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 etc. 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 the Ministry and Gati Shakti units in field, (ii) prioritization of projects, (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iv) delegation of powers at field level, (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (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.
