

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1132
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

DOUBLING OF RAIL LINES FROM JHANSI-MANIKPUR

†1132. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the doubling of Jhansi to Manikpur and Bhimsen to Khairadaa rail line under North Central Railway;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Government so far for doubling the said rail line;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to complete the work of doubling of the rail line by 2024; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1132 BY SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAIL LINES FROM JHANSI-MANIKPUR

(a) and (b): The work on Jhansi-Khairar-Manikpur and Khairar-Bhimsen (425 km) doubling project has been taken up at a cost of ₹4329.53 crore. An expenditure of ₹327 crore has been incurred up to March 2023 and ₹550 crore has been provided for the financial year 2023-24 for the project. Various steps taken by the Railways for effective and speedy implementation of rail project include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) 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 and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Uttar Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,278 crore per year which is 376% more than Average Annual Budget allocation of ₹1,109 crore per year during 2009-14. The allocation has increased to ₹8,403 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (658% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹8,576 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (673% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹14,128 crore for Financial Year 2021-22 (1,174% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹14,761 crore in Financial Year 2022-23 (1,231% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For financial year 2023-24, highest ever budget outlay of Rs.17,507 crore has been provided for these

projects, which is 1479% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹1109 crore per year).

(c) and (d): The completion of any 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 considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).

During 2014-23, 3150 Km sections (204 km New line, 713 km Gauge conversion and 2233 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 350 km per year, which is 76% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (199.2 Km/Yr.)
