

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

CONNECTIVITY TO KHANDWA RAILWAY STATION

1136. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to develop Khandwa to Akola rail section and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of budget allocated or likely to be allocated by the Railways to enhance the connectivity of Khandwa railway station with other section for better connectivity and transportation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the ongoing railway projects for upgrading the rail facilities in the parliamentary constituencies of Khandwa and Burhanpur?

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.1136 BY SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING CONNECTIVITY TO KHANDWA RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Akola-Khandwa (174 km) Gauge conversion has been taken up as a part of Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola Gauge conversion project costing ₹ 6383 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 2791 cr has been incurred upto March 2023 and 283 km length including 44 km Akola-Akot section (part of Akola-Khandwa) has been commissioned. An outlay of ₹ 700 crore has been provided for the project for financial year 2023-24.

In Akola-Khandwa (174 km) section, 44 km length of Akola-Akot has been commissioned and work taken up in Amalkhurd-Khandwa (55 km) section in available land. Akot-Amalkhurd (75 km) section passes through Melghat forest reserve. As approval for gauge conversion on existing alignment was not received for long time, therefore, it has been decided to take the alignment outside Melghat Tiger Reserve area. Land acquisition and forestry clearance for diverted alignment between Akot-Amalkhurd section has been taken up.

Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise not Parliamentary Constituency wise as Railway projects may span across Parliamentary constituencies. Khandwa and Burhanpur constituency falls in Madhya Pradesh

As on 01.04.2023, 32 Railway infrastructure projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 22 doubling), costing ₹ 77,797 crore for

5,539 km length falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are in planning/approval/construction stage. Out of which, 1,557 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 31,111 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway projects falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are covered under 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, which is 567% more than average annual Budget allocation of ₹ 638 crore per year during 2009-14. The allocation has 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). ₹ 12,110 crore for Financial Year 2023(1816% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For financial year 2023-24, highest ever Budget allocation of ₹ 13,607 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 2053% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹ 632 crore per year).

During 2014-23, 1741 km sections (293 km New line, 636 km Gauge conversion and 812 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh, have been commissioned at an average rate of 193.44 km per year, which is 567% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (29 km per year).
