## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3256 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

#### **DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN**

### †3256. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the doubling work of railway lines has been completed in the country particularly in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of rail lines that have been doubled in Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (d) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose; and
- (e) the details of doubling of railway lines that are likely to be completed in Rajasthan during this financial year?

#### **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. 3256 BY SHRI BALAK NATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

(a) to (e): The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries. As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railway, 231 Doubling projects of total length 20,296 Km, costing approx. ₹2.70 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 5,455 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.03 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

As on 01.04.2023, 11 Doubling projects of total length of 2,108 km, costing ₹ 26,080 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 179 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,588 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered by North Western Railway (NWR), North Central Railway (NCR), Northern Railway (NR), West Central Railway (WCR) and Western Railway (WR) zone of Indian Railways.

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> 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).

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Rajasthan is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹682 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹4177 crore/year	512.5% more
2023-24	₹9532 crore	1297.65% more

During last three years i.e. FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24 (till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023). 441 Km of Doubling sections falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan has been commissioned.

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, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).

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