

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS

**†3394. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of projects being implemented for doubling and electrification works of railway tracks across the country;**
- (b) the details of projects sanctioned for the same during the last eight years in the country particularly in Maharashtra;**
- (c) the year-wise details of funds allocated and released by the Union Government for the said projects during the last five years;**
- (d) whether many of these projects are pending and are taking a long time for completion and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects at the earliest?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3394 BY SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE AND SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) to (c): 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 Railways, 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, across Indian Railways, 191 Railway Electrification projects of 32,951 km length, costing approx. ₹84,070 Crore are sanctioned, out of which 26,847 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹37,319 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

During the last eight years (i.e. from FY 2015-16 till FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24), across Indian Railways, 200 Doubling Projects of total length of 13,428 km, costing ₹1,34,097 Crore and 206 Railway Electrification projects costing ₹63,882 Crore have been sanctioned.

MAHARASHTRA:

During the last eight years (i.e. from FY 2015-16 till FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24), 14 Doubling Projects of total length 2,198 km, costing ₹18,357 crore and 18 Railway Electrification projects costing ₹3,616 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned.

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Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all 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).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹6,493 crore/year	454.5% more
2023-24	₹13,539 crore	1056.2% more

During 2014-23, 1,472 km sections (147 km New Line, 136 km Gauge Conversion and 1,189 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate 163.56 km per year, which is 180% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km/year).

Indian Railways

The Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is as under:-

Year	Budget Allotment (₹ in crore)
2018-19	30,916
2019-20	39,836
2020-21	43,626
2021-22	56,716
2022-23	67,001
2023-24	67,199

Zone-wise details of Budget Allocation for Railway Electrification projects during last five years and current year are as under:

Year	Budget Allotment (₹ in crore)
2018-19	6,302
2019-20	6,960
2020-21	6,326
2021-22	7,542
2022-23	7,700
2023-24	8,070

(d) and (e): 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, clearance from the concerned departments, State Governments/Ministries, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing 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, completion of Transmission Line works by State Power Utilities and resolution of law & order issues during execution etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). As such the confirmed time frame for completion of projects cannot be ascertained at this stage.

(f): Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in Ministry of Railways and Gati Shakti Units in divisions (ii) prioritisation 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 and (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 and this has lead to increase in the pace of commissioning of projects.
