

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1665  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN WEST BENGAL**

**1665. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of upcoming rail infrastructure projects in West Bengal, particularly in Nadia District;**
- (b) whether the Government is facing challenges related to land acquisition for rail infrastructure projects from the Government of West Bengal; and**
- (c) if so, the steps taken to overcome the challenges?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1665 BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN WEST BENGAL**

**(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State/District-wise as Railway projects may span across State Boundaries. However, Railway have taken up Nabadwipghat- Nabadwipdham New Line Project falling fully/partly in Nadia District. Execution of this project is held up due to delay in land acquisition. Railway had initiated efforts for acquisition of land but could not succeed in acquiring land for the project. Support of the Government of West Bengal has been requested to expedite the land acquisition.**

**Moreover, as on 01.04.2023, 44 railway projects (16 New line, 04 Gauge Conversion and 24 Doubling) of total length 4,209 km, costing ₹50,915 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of West Bengal including those falling fully/partly in Nadia District are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 2,033 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,298 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023. These include:-**

**(i) 16 New Line projects covering total length of 1538 km at a cost of ₹25,362 crore, out of which 731 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹12,931 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

**(ii) 4 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 1200 km at a cost of ₹8,168 crore, out of which 855 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,650 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

**(iii) 24 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,471 km at a cost of ₹17,385 crore, out of which 447 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 6,718 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

**Details of Railway projects i.e. cost, expenditure and outlays are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of West Bengal are covered by Eastern Railway (ER), Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), South Eastern Railway (SER), and Metro Kolkata (West-Bengal) of Indian Railways.**

**Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is as under:-**

| <b>Year</b>    | <b>Budget Outlay</b> | <b>% change wrt avg. annual allocation of 2013-14</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>2013-14</b> | <b>Rs. 1604 Cr.</b>  | <b>-</b>  |
| <b>2023-24</b> | <b>Rs. 11970 Cr.</b> | <b>646% more</b>                                      |

**During 2014-23, 1137 Km sections (113 km of New line, 151 Km of Gauge Conversion and 873 km of Doubling) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 126.33 km per year.**

**Railway acquires requisite land for a project through State Government which assesses the compensation amount and advises to Railway. On receipt of demand from the State Government, Railway deposits compensation amount with concerned District Land Acquisition Authorities.**

**Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State share by the 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, etc and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.**

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