

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

ELECTRIFICATION OF THE BROAD GAUGE LINES

1669. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans on the progress of electrification of broad gauge line in different Railway Zones;**
- (b) if so, the details and the progress made thereof;**
- (c) the target set for the completion of the electrification of the broad gauge lines in all the Railway Zones; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the electrification of broad gauge lines?**

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. 1669 BY SHRI JUAL ORAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF THE BROAD GAUGE LINES

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Significant progress has been made so far in electrification of Broad Gauge (BG) lines of Indian Railways. So far, BG lines of 60,814 km of Indian Railways have been electrified upto November, 2023. Out of this 39,013 km have been electrified during 2014- upto Nov' 23, as against 5,188 km during 2004-14.

(c) The completion of Electrification project(s) depends on various factors like forest clearances by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law & 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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). As such the confirmed time frame for completion of project(s) cannot be ascertained at this stage.

(d) To expedite railway electrification work, various steps have been taken by Indian Railways which include among others; formation of Project Monitoring Group (PMG) portal to resolve the constraints being faced during commissioning, creation of 'Gati Shakti Directorate' in Railway Board for smooth & speedy approval of projects at Railway Board level and ensuring effective project monitoring mechanism. In addition, large size projects are being executed in 'Engineering Procurement and Construction' (EPC) contract mode, assured funding is being arranged and financial powers have been decentralized to field units to expedite the project execution & completion.
