

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1824
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

MULTI TRACKING HIGH DENSITY CORRIDORS

**1824. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal for multi-tracking of several high-density corridors;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount proposed for the projects, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to include construction of flyovers and under passes in this plan;**
- (d) if so, the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented;**
- (e) whether high pressure on these corridors would deprive introduction of more trains or increasing their current speed; and**
- (f) if so, the action taken by the Railways thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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. 1824 BY SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU AND SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING MULTI TRACKING HIGH DENSITY CORRIDORS

(a) and (b): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State/UT-wise as the Railway projects may span across state boundaries. Furthermore, Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Presently, 451 no. of Surveys for multi-tracking projects having a total length of 27,956 km have been taken up on Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railways, 231 multi-tracking 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.

During 2014-23, across Indian Railways, 14,337 km doubling sections have been commissioned at an average of 1,593 km/year which is 345% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14 (375 km/year).

(c): Infrastructure facilities including the requirements of flyover (Rail Over Rail), Road Over Bridge and underpasses (Road Under Bridge) associated with the multi-tracking proposal are also undertaken along with it based on operational requirement, safety consideration, availability of funds, etc. However, for existing operational railway line, Road Over Bridge, underpass (Road Under Bridge) are taken up suitably under separate Plan Head.

(d): 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 and cost of the project(s).

(e) and (f): Multi-tracking projects are undertaken to create additional capacity, ease out constraints, thereby enabling meet the ever-growing traffic needs.
