

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

RISHIKESH-KARNAPRAYAG RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

2862. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the total length of tunnelling in Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new railway line project;**
- (b) the overall progress of tunnelling in this project;**
- (c) the new technical measures that are being adopted by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) in this regard; and**
- (d) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?**

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. 2862 BY SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING RISHIKESH-KARNAPRAYAG RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) to (d): Total length of tunneling is 213 Km in Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new line project and total length of 138 km of Tunneling has been completed. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹16,216 crore, out of which an expenditure of ₹11,335 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023. An Outlay of ₹4500 crore has been allocated in financial year 2023-24 for this project.

The advance technologies of tunneling including Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) are adopted and various project monitoring systems (ISETIA, SISO, THINK PROJECT, TILOS etc.) are used to monitor the day to day progress.

Annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand is as under:-

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹187 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 5004 Cr.	More than 26 times

In 2014-23, 69 Km sections (06 km of New line, 36 of Gauge Conversion and 27km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand have been commissioned at an average rate of 7.67 km per year.

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 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 considerations etc.
