

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2916  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

**SURENDRANAGAR-RAJKOT RAIL LINE DOUBLING PROJECT**

**2916. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

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

- (a) the advantages of Surendranagar-Rajkot rail line doubling project for local industries and the socio-economic well-being of neighbouring regions;**
- (b) the existing line capacity and enhanced capacity post-completion of the project;**
- (c) whether any plans have been proposed for the introduction of new trains on this railway section;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2916 BY SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA AND SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING SURENDRANAGAR-RAJKOT RAIL LINE DOUBLING PROJECT**

**(a) to (e):- Surendranagar-Rajkot doubling project (116 km) length has been completed and commissioned in February, 2023. The doubling would facilitate local industries of Petroleum, Oil etc. and promote the freight earning of Railways by transporting multiple commodities. After completion of doubling, the line capacity has increased by more than 100%.**

**As on 01.04.2023, total 36 Railway infrastructure Projects (6 New Lines, 18 Gauge conversion and 12 Doubling), of total length 3,200 km, costing ₹30,789 crores falling fully/partly in Gujarat are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 735 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,113 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023. These include:**

- (i) 6 New Line projects of total length 520 km costing ₹6,950 crores, out of which 90 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,227 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.**
- (ii) 18 Gauge Conversion projects of total length 1567 km costing ₹12,336 crores, out of which 645 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,527 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023.**
- (iii) 12 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,113 km at a cost of ₹11,502 crores, out of which an expenditure of ₹360 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023.**

**New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are covered by Western Railway and North 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.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling/partly in the state of Gujarat is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Budget Outlay</b>	<b>change wrt avg. annual allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>Rs. 589 Crores/Year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Rs. 8332 Crores</b>	<b>14.14 times</b>

**Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the state of Gujarat is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Track Commissioned</b>	<b>change wrt average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>660 Km</b>	<b>132 Km/Year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-23</b>	<b>1,677 Km</b>	<b>186 Km/Year</b>	<b>1.41 times</b>

**Presently, Surendranagar-Rajkot sector is being served by 41 pairs of Mail/Express trains including 22925/26 Ahmedabad-Jamnagar Vande Bharat Express. Besides, introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railway subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification etc.**

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