

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN CHHATTISGARH

†531. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to approve and materialise the railway projects sanctioned in the budget provisions of the country since 2019;

(b) if so, the details of railway budget announcements approved since 2019 for Chhattisgarh including South East Central Railway Zone Bilaspur along with the projects which have been implemented in public interest and those lying pending, year/budget-wise; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531 BY SHRI ARUN SAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN CHHATTISGARH

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise/UT wise as the Railways' projects may span across various state boundaries.

During the last five years i.e. FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24 (upto 30th November, 2023), 155 New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects of a total length of 5,555 km, costing ₹84,561 Crore have been sanctioned across Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railways, 459 Railway Infrastructure projects (189 New Line, 39 Gauge Conversion and 231 Doubling) of total length 46,360 Km, costing approx. ₹7.18 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 11,872 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.61 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹36,432 crore/year	216% more
2023-24	₹67,199 crore	483% more

During 2014-23, across Indian Railway, 25,871 km sections (5,785 km New Line, 5,749 km Gauge Conversion and 14,337 km Doubling has been commissioned at an average of 2,875 km/year which is 89% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).

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(b): During the last five years i.e. FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24 (upto 30th November, 2023), 11 Doubling Projects of a total length of 189 km, costing ₹2,283 crore falling fully/partly in the state of Chhattisgarh including South East Central Railway have been sanctioned.

Zonal Railway wise/year-wise details of projects including expenditure and Budget outlay project-wise on each project are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in>Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Regular Budget/Pink Book(year) Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

As on 01.04.2023, 26 Projects (8 New Lines, 18 Doubling) of total length 2,806 Km, costing ₹36,968 crore falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 847 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹12,705 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of Projects.

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹311 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹3106 crore/year	899% more
2023-24	₹6008 crore	1832% more

During 2014-23, 950 Km sections (179 Km New Line and 771 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh have been commissioned at an average rate 105.56 Km/year, which is 1549% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (6.4 Km/year).

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(c): Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.
