

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

MULTI TRACKING RAILWAY PROJECT

**635. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:
SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposed multi-tracking railway project in the country;**
- (b) the main objectives of the project and its total expenditure;**
- (c) the proposed tenure of completion of the project; and**
- (d) the details of the States which are being covered under the proposed project?**

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. 635 BY PROF. SOUGATA RAY AND SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING MULTI TRACKING RAILWAY PROJECT

(a) to (d): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries.

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.

Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects (including multi-tracking projects) including cost, expenditure and outlay 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

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