

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.74
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

SURVEY OF JABALPUR-GONDIA RAILWAY TRACK

†*74. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has sanctioned funds for carrying out the survey of the doubling of Jabalpur-Gondia rail track;**
- (b) if so, the current status thereof and whether the said survey has been completed;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to formulate any scheme for the doubling of single rail line in Balaghat, Mandala, Chhindwara and Betul Parliamentary Constituencies under the Jabalpur-Gondia East Central Railway;**
- (d) if so, whether any action has been taken/is likely to be taken currently in this regard; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO.74 BY DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN TO BE
ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING SURVEY OF
JABALPUR-GONDIA RAILWAY TRACK**

(a) to (e): Final Location Survey of doubling between Jabalpur-Gondia (238.5 km) has been sanctioned and Survey work has been taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report. The project passes through States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not Parliamentary Constituency wise as Railway projects may span across various Parliamentary constituencies.

Madhya Pradesh

As on 01.04.2023, 32 Railway projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 22 doubling), costing ₹77,797 crore for 5,539 km length, falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,557 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,111 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include:

- 08 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,979 km at a cost of ₹32,226 crore, out of which 400 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,611 crore has been incurred upto March 23.**
- 02 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 780 km at a cost of ₹9,297 crore, out of which 283 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,040 crore has been incurred upto March 23.**

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- **22 Doubling Projects** covering total length of 2,780 km at a cost of ₹36,275 crore, out of which 874 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,460 crore has been incurred upto March 23.

Presently, 34 Nos. of Surveys (07 New Line and 27 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh having a total length of 3796 Km have been taken up and are in different stages of progress.

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh are covered by North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway, East Central Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway and South East Central Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 632 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 13,607 Cr.	More than 20 times

During 2014-23, 1741 km sections (293 km New line, 636 km Gauge conversion and 812 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh, have been commissioned at an average rate of 193.44 km per year, which is 567% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (29 km per year).

Maharashtra

As on 01.04.2023, 34 Railway projects (16 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 16 doubling), costing ₹80,184 crore for 5,872 km length, falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,421 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,964 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include:

- 16 New Line Projects covering total length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹38,423 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,052 crore has been incurred upto March 23.**
- 02 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 580 km at a cost of ₹7,339 crore, out of which 283 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,791 crore has been incurred upto March 23.**
- 16 Doubling Projects covering total length of 3,275 km at a cost of ₹34,422 crore, out of which 1,045 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,121 crore has been incurred upto March 23.**

Presently, 55 Nos. of Surveys (07 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 46 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra having a total length of 4901 Km have been taken up and are in different stages of progress.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered in Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

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Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 1171Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 13,539 Cr.	More than 10 times

Since 2014-23, 1472 Km (147 km New line, 136 km Gauge conversion and 1189 km Doubling) sections falling fully/partly in Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate 163.56 km per year, which is 180% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 Km/Yr.)
