

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 795
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

PROPOSALS/REQUESTS FOR RAILWAY WORKS IN RAJASTHAN

†795. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposals/requests received by the Government from the Hon. Members regarding railway works meant for Rajasthan especially for new rail lines, doubling of rail lines, the stoppage of main trains at major stations, connecting main district centres with the rail lines, the construction of rail over bridge etc. during the last three years;**
- (b) the reaction of the Government to the said proposals/requests and the action taken so far by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the number of proposals/requests pertaining to Rajasthan that are presently lying pending with the Railways; and**
- (d) the reasons for the pendency of the said proposals?**

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. 795 BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING PROPOSALS/REQUESTS FOR RAILWAY WORKS IN RAJASTHAN

(a) to (d): Projects are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

Proposals/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal, including that from Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Ministers of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. are received at various levels of Railway Administration viz. Division, Zonal Headquarter and Railway Board's level for introduction of new trains, extension of existing trains, provision of stoppages, new lines, Gauge conversion, Doubling, Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges etc., a compendium of which is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

As on 01.04.2023, 30 Railway infrastructure projects (14 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 11 doubling), costing ₹ 53,045 crore for 4,588 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1,037 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 12,364 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include:

- 14 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,230 km at a cost of ₹ 18,566 crore, out of which 167 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,320 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

- **05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 1,250 km at a cost of ₹ 8,399 crore, out of which 691 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,457 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

- **11 Doubling Projects covering total length of 2,108 km at a cost of ₹ 26,080 crore, out of which 179 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,588 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of 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 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 Rajasthan is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Change wrt average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 682 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 9532 Cr.	Nearly 14 times

Commissioning for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan is as under:-

Year	New Line (in Km)	Gauge Conversion (in Km)	Doubling (in Km)	Total (in Km)	Km/Year
2009-14	61	675	62	798	159.6
2014-23	1323	808	1523	3654	406 (which is 2.54 times more than the average commissioning achieved during 2009- 14)

Survey of total 50 projects (19 new line and 31 doubling) of total length 4,430 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned during last three year (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and current Financial Year 2023-24).

Various steps are taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of railway projects including (i) prioritisation of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds to projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (v) 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.

The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, excessive rains, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project.
