GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.338 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019

STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

†*338. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the works relating to laying of new railway lines, doubling and gauge conversion of railway lines and electrification in various States including Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of estimated cost, funds allocated and spent so far, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways has set any target for completing the said projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.338 BY SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA AND SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

- (a): Details of New Lines, Doubling, Gauge Conversion and Electrification in the Country including Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal is appended.
- (b): The details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise 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).
- (c) and (d): The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick 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, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors vary from project to project and site to site and affect the completion time and cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

In the overall interest of the nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various levels (field level, divisional level, zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are held with the officials of State Government and concerned authorities to resolve the pending issues that are obstructing the progress of projects.

To ensure that projects are completed even before time, Railway has adopted the concept of incentives to the contractor in the form of bonus clause in contracts which will further enhance the pace of execution of projects.

For capacity enhancement projects, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan of ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.338 BY SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA AND SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): Details of New Lines, Doubling, Gauge Conversion and Electrification in the Country including Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal are as under:-

1. ONGOING NEW LINE, GAUGE CONVERSION AND DOUBLING PROJECTS:

Plan Head	No of Projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'19 (in Km)	Anticipated Cost (₹ in crore)	Total Exp upto Mar'19 (₹ in crore)	Outlay for 2019-20 (₹ in crore)		
INDIAN KAILV	IATS:	T	Γ	ı	Τ	T		
New lines	188	21,295	2,622	3,87,154	85,536	14,848		
Gauge Conversion	55	7,275	3,573	56,135	19,640	3,465		
Doubling	255	20,500	2,784	2,31,978	48,342	18,301		
TOTAL	498	49,069	8,979	6,75,267	1,53,518	36,614		
GUJARAT:-	GUJARAT:-							
New lines	4	479	69	5168	1274	306		
Gauge Conversion	25	2217	552	14857	3758	1423		
Doubling	12	907	131	6524	2656	973		
TOTAL	41	3603	752	26549	7688	2702		
BIHAR:-								
New lines	36	3008	472	54759	13881	723		
Gauge Conversion	5	1007	716	5462	3772	305		
Doubling	14	937	68	11574	2641	1375		
TOTAL	55	4952	1256	71795	20294	2403		
WEST BENGAL:-								
New lines	16	1541	688	17866	7235	378		
Gauge Conversion	4	1200	821	6656	3305	89		
Doubling	34	1680	383	18512	4426	925		
TOTAL	54	4421	1892	43034	14966	1392		

2. PROJECTS INCLUDED IN BUDGET IN LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR:-

Plan Head	No of Projects	Total length (in km)	Cost (₹ in crore)	
INDIAN RAILWAY:				
New lines	49	3,850	71,927	
Gauge Conversion	25	1,412	11,568	
Doubling	89	5,522	68,362	
TOTAL	163	10,784	1,51,857	
GUJARAT:				
New lines	02	117	2,181	
Gauge Conversion	17	777	7,279	
Doubling	04	257	2,245	
TOTAL	23	1151	11,705	
BIHAR:				
New lines	03	80	3,122	
Doubling	05	227	2,813	
TOTAL 8		307	5,935	
WEST BENGAL:				
Doubling	06	396	4,852	
TOTAL	06	396	4,852	

3. BUDGET ALLOCATION:

SN	Indian Railway/ State	Average Annual Budget Allocation (₹ in crore)		Budget Allocation (₹ in crore)	Percentage of 2014-19 w.r.t. average of	Percentage of budget outlay 2019- 20 w.r.t. average of
		2009-14	2014-19	2019-20	2009-14	2009-14
1	Indian Railway	11,527	26,022	30,198	226%	262%
2	Gujarat	589	3,327	4,803	565%	816%
3	Bihar	1,132	3,061	4,093	270%	362%
4	West Bengal	4,380	4,612	5,033	105%	115%

4. COMMISSIONING:

> INDIAN RAILWAYS:

- During 2009-14, 7599 km length commissioned.
- During 2014-19, 13124 km length commissioned which is 173% of commissioning achieved during 2009-14.

5. RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION:

• Total Electrification Projects:-

Indian Railway/ State	No of Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'19 (in Km)	Anticipated Cost (₹ in crore)	Total Exp upto Mar'19 (₹ in crore)
Indian Railway	62	29,537	4,521	30,915	9,152
Gujarat	20	4,238	875	4,493	1,691
Bihar	14	2,592	618	3,304	1,732
West Bengal	10	2,488	496	3,007	1,438

• Electrification projects included in Budget in last three years and current year:-

Indian Railway/ State	No of Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Expenditure till Mar'19 (₹ in crore)
Indian Railway	64	24,089	23,396
Gujarat	17	2,626	2,454
Bihar	17	1,835	1,968
West Bengal	08	1,452	1,291
Total	106	30,002	29,109
