

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1553
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

RAIL PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH

†1553. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Rail projects implemented and pending in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said project;**
- (c) the number of new rail lines laid or progressive related works done thereto in Madhya Pradesh during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the completion of the said projects or conducted review thereof; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1553 BY SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH

(a) to (c): Madhya Pradesh: 08 new line, 05 gauge conversion and 31 doubling projects covering a total length of 6776.87 Km costing ₹84,689.02 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 1152.61 Km length has been commissioned upto March 2019. An expenditure of ₹15,471.24 crore has been incurred upto March 2019 and an outlay of ₹4702.88 crore has been provided for these projects for the year 2019-20.

Out of these projects, 28 projects (3 new line and 25 doubling projects) covering a length of 3662.63 Km at a cost of ₹48,802.06 crore have been included/sanctioned in the last 5 years and current year (from 2014-15 to 2018-19 & 2019-20).

Chhattisgarh: 08 new line and 09 doubling projects covering a total length of 2776.23 Km at a cost of ₹34,265.95 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 384 Km length has been commissioned upto March 2019. An expenditure of ₹6984.65 crore has been incurred upto March 2019 and an outlay of ₹2926.92 crore has been provided for these projects for the year 2019-20.

Out of these projects, 08 projects (3 new line and 05 doubling projects) covering a length of 1103.65 Km at a cost of ₹16449.45 crore have been included/sanctioned in the last 5 years and current year (from 2014-15 to 2018-19 & 2019-20).

The project-wise details of projects including 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).

(d) & (e): Thorough review of throughput enhancement projects out of 256, has been carried out and with focussed approach, the projects have been prioritized into Super Critical projects (58 Nos.), Critical Projects (68 Nos.) and other throughput enhancement projects (130 Nos.).

Presently, the balance length of Super Critical Projects is 2347 Km, 5676 Km of Critical Projects and 9703 Km of other projects. The throw-forward for these projects is of the order of ₹1.84 lakh crores and all out sincere and focussed approach is being adopted by Railway for quick execution so as to get early returns to Railways.

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 considerations, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project.

Therefore, confirmed timeline cannot be given. However, sincere efforts are being done to complete the project early.

For capacity enhancement projects, institutional financing arrangement has been done for ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision.
