

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2844
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY SERVICES IN CHHATTISGARH

†2844. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to extend railway services and introduce new trains in Chhattisgarh in the next financial year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the total budget allocated for railway divisions under Chhattisgarh State including Bilaspur Railway Zone during each of the last three years and the current year and the details of the funds utilized during the said period; and**
- (d) the other measures being taken for the extension of railway services in South East Central Railways providing highest revenue?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2844 BY SHRI ARUN SAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2020 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY SERVICES IN CHHATTISGARH

(a) to (d) Indian Railways do not run train services on state-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during 2017-2020 (till February-2020), 6 pairs of Mail/Express have been introduced, serving various stations located in the State of Chhattisgarh. Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

The State of Chhattisgarh is mainly covered by the South East Central Railway (SECR) Zone. The details of fund allocated to and utilised by the divisions of SECR during last three years and Revised Estimates for the current year are as under:-

(Gross ₹ in crore)

Name of the Division	2016-17 Actuals		2017-18 Actuals		2018-19 Actuals		2019-20 Revised Estimates	
	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital
Bilaspur	1761	175	1770	252	1912	312	2058	347
Raipur	1206	188	1323	154	1462	189	1510	179
Nagpur	888	112	945	154	1041	225	1267	267
Total for SECR	6173	3743	6383	4102	7098	4676	7404	4641

The figures for SECR under Capital excludes allocation under Public Private Partnerships (PPP).

Presently, 08 new line projects, covering a length of 1,382 km., at a cost of ₹21,046 Crore and 09 doubling projects, covering a length of 1,394 km., at a cost of ₹13,220 Crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh, are in different stages of Planning/sanction/execution. Out of which, commissioning of 384 km length and an expenditure of ₹6,985 crore has been achieved upto March'19.

Details of all works in progress and new works, including expenditure and outlay on each project, 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)
>Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.**

1. BUDGET ALLOCATION (for the project falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh):

- i. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh during 2014-19, has increased to ₹2,274 crore per year from ₹ 311 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, the average annual budget allocation during 2014-19 is 631% more, as compared to average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. (₹311 crore).**
- ii. Total allocation of Budget for Infrastructure projects & safety projects, falling fully/ partly in State of Chhattisgarh, in 2019-20 is ₹3,269 crore, which is 951% more than the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. (₹311 crore).**

2. COMMISSIONING OF PROJECTS (falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh):

- i. During 2009-14, 32 Km Doubling have been commissioned in the state of Chhattisgarh at an average rate 6 km per year.**
- ii. During 2014-19, 416 Km. (42 km of New line and 374 km of Doubling) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 83 km per year, which is 1200% more as compare to commissioning during 2009-2014.**
