

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4014  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

**EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN REMOTE AREAS OF CHHATTISGARH**

**†4014. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend Railway lines to remote areas of Chhattisgarh;**
- (b) if so, the names of the areas for which provision has been made in the current budget in this regard; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4014 BY SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN REMOTE AREAS OF CHHATTISGARH**

**(a) to (c) Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise, as, Indian Railway's network straddles across various State boundaries. Further, Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and compelling demands etc.**

**However, details of projects falling fully/partly in State of Chhattisgarh are as under:**

**Presently, 08 new line projects, covering a length of 1,382 km., at a cost of ₹ 21,046 Crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh, are in different stages of Planning/sanction/execution. Out of which, commissioning of 42 km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹ 2,864 crore has been incurred upto March' 2019.**

**Work on new line projects namely Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur (236 km), Gevra Road-Pendra Road(122 km), Dharamjaygarh-Korba(63 km) and Chirmiri-Nagpur Halt (11 km) have been taken up and as the sections of these projects gets commissioned progressively, the remote areas of the state would get connected with Indian Railways rail network.**

**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](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in) >Ministry of Railways**

**>Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.**

**Budget Allocation(for projects falling partly/fully in the State of Chhattisgarh)is given below:**

- (i) Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling/fully 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 budget allocation during 2014-19 is 631% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14.**
- (ii) Total Budget Estimate (BE) outlay for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Chhattisgarh, in 2019-20 is ₹ 3,269 crore which is 951% more than the average annual budget of 2009-14.**

**Commissioning of projects falling partly/fully in the State of Chhattisgarh is given below:**

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