

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4059
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

4059. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal for expansion of rail network across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the total number of expansion of rail network under process, State/zone-wise;**
- (d) whether there is any proposal to expand the rail network in Southern Railways; 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.4059 BY DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Railways is giving a big thrust to infrastructure creation and capacity augmentation. 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 competing demands and sanctioning of projects is a continuous process.

Railway Projects are sanctioned Zone-wise and not State-wise, as, Indian Railway's network is straddled across various State boundaries. Further, details of ongoing Railway Projects in the country including Southern Railway is appended and with progressive commissioning of sections, existing rail network would also expand accordingly.

The project-wise detail including cost, expenditure and outlay are 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) >Pink Book (year) >Railway-wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

BUDGET ALLOCATION ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

Average Annual Budget allotment for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects on Indian Railways, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹26,026 crore, from ₹11,527 crore (during 2009-14), which is 126% more as compared to average allotment during 2009-14.

Total Budget Estimate (BE) Outlay for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects on Indian Railways in 2019-20 was ₹30,198, which has further been increased to ₹38,803 in Revised Budget Outlay. This is 237% more as compared to average annual budget allotment during 2009-14. (₹11,527)

COMMISSIONING OF NEW LINE, GAUGE CONVERSION AND DOUBLING

During 2009-14, 7599 km length (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) has been commissioned on Indian Railways. Further, during 2014-19, 13,124 km length (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) has been commissioned on Indian Railways, which is 73% more than commissioning during 2009-14.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4059 BY DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) to (e): Details of New Lines, Doubling and Gauge Conversion in the Country including Southern Railway is as under:-

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)	Budget Estimate Outlay for 2019-20 (₹ in crore)
INDIAN RAILWAYS:						
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

In addition, 5 New Line works of 432 km length, costing ₹6,419 crore and 32 Doubling works of 4,536 km length, costing ₹47,547 crore have been included in Budget of financial year 2020-21 against Umbrella work of 2019-20.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY:-

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)	Budget Estimate Outlay for 2019-20 (₹ in crore)
New lines	11	1,017	0	14,905	751	52
Gauge Conversion	4	849	546	4,059	2,425	240
Doubling	19	1,174	146	13,163	2,227	862
TOTAL	34	3,040	692	32,127	5,403	1,154
