

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020**

PENDING NEW RAIL LINES

†1641. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various projects including new rail lines are pending for a long time due to shortage of funds and other technical reasons in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi NCR and West Bengal;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Government has not allocated adequate funds for pending rail projects;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (e) whether the work of constructing a drain along Meet Nagar Saboli railway halt in Delhi has been stalled;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1641 BY SHRI NAYAB SINGH, SHRI RAVI KISHAN, SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA, SHRI MANOJ TIWARI, SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA AND SHRI JOHN BARLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.09.2020 REGARDING PENDING NEW RAIL LINES.

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Railway Projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise, not State wise as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. As on 01.04.2020, total 513 projects (189 New line, 54 Gauge Conversion and 270 doubling) covering a total length of 53,039 Km including falling fully/partly in the state of Delhi/NCR, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 10,013 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 1.86 Lakh Crore has been incurred upto March,2020.

The project wise details including cost, 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) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

During 2014-19 total 13,124 Km length (New line, Gauge conversion and Doubling) has been commissioned on Indian Railways, which is 73% more than during 2009-14 (7,599 Km).

Completion of any Railway Project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, 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 climate conditions etc. and all these factors differs from project to project and affects the completion time of the project (s).

(c) and (d): Average annual expenditure for New lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects over Indian Railways during 2014-19 has increased to ₹ 26,026 Cr/year from ₹ 11,527 Cr/year (during 2009-14) which is 126% more than during 2009-14. The expenditure during 2019-20 further increased to ₹ 39,836 Cr., which is 246% more than average annual expenditure of 2009-14 and the highest ever expenditure in any financial year.

(e) to (g): Yes, Sir. The construction of RCC open drain between Wazirabad to U.P border was mutually agreed on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Railways and Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) fund for a cost of ₹ 3.00 Cr. Executive Engineer Planning, East Delhi Municipal Corporation released an amount of ₹ 1,12,04,879/- vide letter dated 05.05.2020 against their share of ₹ 1.50 Cr. However, vide subsequent letter dated 21.08.2020, the allotted amount has been cancelled. As such the work could not start as sufficient fund was not released timely.
