

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

***230. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects that were announced for Maharashtra during the last three years;**
- (b) the number of projects, out of these, commissioned so far and the budgetary allocations made for the same;**
- (c) the status of those projects which have not been commissioned and the time by when these would be commissioned;**
- (d) the number of new trains announced and commissioned during the last three years which originate from Maharashtra along with the details thereof; and**
- (e) the number of new railway tracks laid or being laid in Maharashtra with special reference to Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Thane and Kolhapur region during the said period along with the details of their progress?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 BY DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE AND SHRI VINAYAK RAUT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) and (b): Railway Projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not Region-wise / State-wise as Indian Railways' network span across various State boundaries. However, details of New line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling and Railway Electrification projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra included in Budget during the last three years and current year i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are as under:

1. New line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling:

S.No.	Name of Project	Year of inclusion in Pink Book	Length (in km)	Cost (₹ in Cr.)	Outlay for year 2020-21 (₹ in Cr.)
(A)	<u>NEW LINES:</u>				
1.	Jeur-Ashti	2017-18	78	1101	0.0001
	<p>Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. As per Detailed Project Report (DPR), cost of the project is ₹1101 crore with Rate of Return (RoR) (-) 2.04%. Project involves acquisition of 310 Ha. land costing ₹115 crore. Project also involves construction of 2 tunnels having total length of 1 km.</p> <p>DPR has been examined in Railway Board and Government of Maharashtra has been requested to provide land free of cost and share 50% cost of the project. Consent of State Government has not been received so far.</p>				
2.	Phaltan-Pandharpur	2017-18	105	1153	0.0003
	<p>Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. As per Detailed Project Report (DPR) the cost of project is ₹1153 crore with Rate of Return (RoR) of (-) 3%. Land for major portion of project was acquired in pre-independence period. However, additional land measuring 174 Ha. is required at a cost of ₹100 crore.</p>				

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3.	Hathkanangale-Ichalkaranji new BG Line.	2017-18	8	180.00	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up by JV company Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (MRIDC).				
4.	Solapur-Osmanabad via Tuljapur	2018-19	84.44	905	1
	Status: Project sanctioned in January, 2019 with 50% cost sharing with State Government of Maharashtra. Land acquisition has been taken up.				
5.	Bidar-Nanded	2018-19	155	2354	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. As per Detailed Project Report (DPR) the cost of project is ₹2354 crore with Rate of Return (RoR) of only (+) 1.7%. Project falls in Karnataka (56.3 km) and Maharashtra (100.75 km). Project involves land acquisition of 772 Ha. at a cost of ₹192.13 crore. Project also involves 4 tunnels of length 3.25 km. Examination of DPR has been taken up.				
6.	Kalyan - Murbad via Ulhasnagar	2018-19	28	726	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up.				
7.	Dhule (Borvahir)- Nardana	2018-19	51	493	1
	Status: Project sanctioned in January, 2019. Final Location Survey has been completed. Geo-technical Investigation and detailed drawing and design have been taken up.				

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(B)	GAUGE CONVERSION:				
1.	Pachora-Jamner with extension upto Malkapur - Narrow Gauge to Broad Gauge.	2019-20	84	850	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Presently, this Gauge Conversion project in not prioritized.				
(C)	DOUBLING:				
1.	3rd & 4th Line between Pune - Lonavla for suburban corridor project.	2017-18	64	4253	0.10
	Status: Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) to Govt. of Maharashtra on 30.04.2019 for "Pune-Lonavla 3rd and 4th line for Suburban corridor". Further, proposal for Government Resolution (GR) regarding the project was also sent to Govt. of Maharashtra (GoM) on 17.12.2019. DPR is not approved by GoM yet.				
2.	Igatpuri Manmad 3rd Line	2018-19	121.3	2895.3	10.00
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up by JV company MRIDC.				
3.	Bhusawal-Wardha 3rd line.	2019-20	313	2485	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget 2019-20 under Umbrella work, subject to obtaining requisite Government clearances. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up.				
4.	Akola-Dhone via Purna, Mudkhed, Secunderabad, Mehboobnagar excluding Purna-Mudkhed and Bolarum-Mehboobnagar including Dhone bypass line.	2019-20	626	6260	0.0001
	Status: Project was included in Budget subject to requisite				

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	approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up.				
(D)	<u>MUTP-III A Corridor including following major projects:</u>	2018-19		33690	50.00
i.	Extension of Harbour line between Goregaon-Borivali.		7.08		
	Status: Survey design & drawings are under finalisation.				
ii.	5th & 6th line between Borivali-Virar.		26.00		
	Status: Drone Survey Completed. Concept plans, ESPs and Project sheets are ready.				
iii.	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon.		32.22		
	Status: Survey design & drawings are under finalisation.				
iv.	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur.		14.05		
	Status: Survey Completed and Plans and Project Sheets approved. Land plans for 8/9 villages submitted. Joint Measurement date postponed due to Covid.				
v.	Kalyan Yard – segregation of long distance and suburban traffic.		-		
	Status: Total Land to be acquired – 29 Ha. (since the lines are mostly in Right of Way, minimal land acquisition is involved).				
vi.	Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) System on CSMT-Panvel on Harbour Line, CSMT-Kalyan on CR and Churchgate-Virar on Western Railway.		182.00		

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	Status: Consultant appointed for Technical specification and Bid processing.				
vii.	Station Improvement		-		
	Status: Survey completed & Concept plans for 12 stations approved and rest are under finalization.				

None of the above projects have been commissioned.

2. RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS:

Total 15 Railway Electrification projects of total cost of ₹2,630 crore falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra were sanctioned during last three years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20) and current year (2020-21).

Out of these, 6 Railway Electrification projects have been fully commissioned and budgetary allocations of ₹605 crore has been made so far for the remaining projects.

(c): The completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, priority of project/s, 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 climatic considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. As such, confirmed completion time of project/s cannot be ascertained at this stage; nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously and early commissioning.

(d): Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis, as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during the period April, 2017 to March, 2020, Indian Railways introduced 72 trains (in single) serving various stations located in the State of Maharashtra.

(e): During last three years i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and current year (2020-21 upto February, 2021), 681 km of project length (48 km New Line, 136 km Gauge Conversion and 497 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra including Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Thane and Kolhapur region have been commissioned.
