

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK

†1442. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some parts of rural India especially in Rajasthan are not connected with railway network;**
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;**
- (c) the state-wise and year-wise details of the expansion of new railway network in rural areas during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government is considering to lay new railway lines Sardarshahar-Taranagar-Sadulpur, Sikar- Nokha, Sardarshahar-Hanumangarh, Adampur-Bhadra in Churu, Rajasthan; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government proposes to lay these railway lines and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1442 BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK

(a) and (b): The Indian Railways' network covers the length and breadth of the country including rural and backward areas. Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Region-wise, as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. As on 01.04.2020, 513 Railway Projects (189 New Line, 54 Gauge Conversion and 270 Doubling works) costing ₹7.5 lakh crore of total length of 53,039 Km are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, commissioning of 10,013 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹1.86 lakh crore incurred upto March 2020.

Out of these, 30 projects (11 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 14 doublings), costing ₹57,247 crore, covering a length of 5173 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan covering rural and backward areas are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 715 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,688 crore has been incurred upto March 2020.

(c): During the last five years i.e. 2015-16 till 2019-20, a total length of 13,367 km comprising New line, Gauge conversion and doubling works (including Dedicated freight corridor lines) were completed and commissioned at an average rate of 2673 km per year as compared to average commissioning of 1520 km per year during the period 2009-14, which is 76% more than 2009-14.

(d) and (e): Survey for new lines namely Sardarshahar-T'aranagar (103 Km), Sikar-Nokha (210 Km), Sardarshahar-Hanumangarh (149 Km), Adampur-Bhadra (42.50Km) were completed. These projects could not be taken forward being financially unviable.