GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3541 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

PASSENGER FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN

†3541. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided in the budget of the year 2020-2021 for construction works related to train passenger facilities in the State of Rajasthan including the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds sanctioned in the budget 2021-2022 for works related to new railway line, doubling of lines and guage conversion in Rajasthan including Jalor Sirohi district;

(c) the names of places for which work orders regarding the said works have been issued along with the amount involved in this regard and the status of the remaining works thereof;

(d) the total number of ROBs and RUBs constructed in Rajasthan during the last three years including the status of their construction work along with the reasons for delay in starting the work;

(e) whether it is planned to construct foot-over-bridge outside the Swaroopganj railway station; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether any time limit has been fixed for the same?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3541 BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING PASSENGER FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN

(a) The allocation/expenditure on works of modernization/ upgradation/ augmentation of railway stations is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Passenger Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure for development and maintenance of stations are maintained zonal Railway-wise and not the State-wise. There are 05 zones, namely, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, Western Railway and West Central Railway, which cater to the State of Rajasthan. The amount of funds allocated for the year 2020-2021 are as under:-

	Funds Allocated	
Zonal Railway	for 2020-21	
	(₹ in Crore)	
Northern	268.36	
North Central	182.94	
North Western	159.59	
Western	252.00	
West Central	50.94	
TOTAL	913.83	

(b) & (c) As on 01.04.2020, 30 projects (11 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 14 doubling) covering a total length of 5,173 km and costing ₹57,247 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are in different stages of Planning/Sanction/Execution.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, thus, an increase of 333% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay of ₹4986 crore for Fiscal Year 2021-22 has been proposed for these projects. This is the highest ever budget and 631% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14.

During 2009-14, 798 Km length (61 Km New Line, 675 Km Gauge Conversion and 62 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan was commissioned at an average rate of 160 Km per year. During 2014-19, 1517 Km (80 Km New Line, 484 Km Gauge Conversion and 953 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan has been commissioned at an average rate of 303 Km per year, indicating an increase of 90% over the commissioning during 2009-14.

Execution on two cost sharing projects namely Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara New Line (Length-189 Km., Cost-₹4262 crore) and Ajmer(Nasirabad)-Tonk-Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) New Line (Length-165 Km, Cost – ₹1980 crore) are held up as Government of Rajasthan has not fulfilled their earlier commitment of providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of these projects.

(d) 53 Nos. of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 740 Nos. of Road Under Bridges (RUBs) have been constructed in the State of Rajasthan during last three years. The details are as under:-

Year	ROBs	RUBs
2017-18	13	170
2018-19	10	231
2019-20	17	250
2020-21 (upto Feb'21)	13	89
Total	53	740

Construction of ROB depends upon availability of encroachment free land for approach roads, shifting of utilities, allocation of adequate funds by State Governments, public support etc. Therefore, it is not possible to fix timelines for completion of these ROBs.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

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