

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

RAILWAY NETWORK

**4724. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the areas that are not connected with railway network in the country so far, if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise and Zone-wise;**
- (b) the details of the projects started by the Government to connect such areas to the railway network during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Zone-wise;**
- (c) the funds provided by the Government for such projects along with its utilisation during the said period, Project and Zone-wise; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to connect each and every area of the country to railway network along with the achievements thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4724 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR, SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL AND SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY NETWORK

(a): Survey for new railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network is a continuous and ongoing process of Indian Railways and are done based on demands raised by State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Members of Parliament, other elected representatives, organizations/rail users and Railways' own operational requirements. Presently, 171 nos. of surveys for New Lines having a total length of 18,630 km have been taken up and are in different stages of progress on Indian Railways.

(b): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State/UT-wise as the Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. During the last 3 years and the current year, total 37 New Line projects have been included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. Presently there are 189 New line projects of 21,343 km length, costing ₹4,04,853 crore which are in various stages of planning/execution and approval, out of which commissioning of 2,633 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹94,575 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020. These will provide connectivity to areas which are not connected with Railway network.

Details of New line, gauge Conversion and Doubling projects zone wise included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals during the last three years i.e. FY 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and the Current Year 2020-21 (upto February,2021) is as under:-

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Zonal Railway	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Central Railway	3	4	2	0
Eastern Railway	0	0	1	0
East Central Railway	1	4	5	0
East Coast Railway	1	1	2	0
Northern Railway	7	2	8	0
North Central Railway	5	10	1	0
North Eastern Railway	5	0	1	0
Northeast Frontier Railway	5	0	2	1
North Western Railway	2	2	5	0
Southern Railway	1	2	4	0
South Central Railway	1	1	3	0
South Eastern Railway	2	5	4	0
South East Central Railway	0	1	1	0
South Western Railway	1	6	3	0
Western Railway	20	3	2	0
West Central Railway	0	0	2	0
Total	54	41	46	1

(c): The total Budget Allocation of funds for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling works during the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 was ₹94,625 crore i.e. an average annual budget allocation of ₹31,542 crore per year which is 174% more than the average annual budget allocation of ₹11,527 crore per year during 2009-14. Revised Budget outlay of ₹40,757 crore has been provided to these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 254% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹45,165 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 292% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

Project-wise details of ongoing projects including cost, expenditure incurred 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 & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(d): Based on Survey reports, 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 throw forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

During 2014-19, 13,124 km length (3035 km New Lines, 3,993 km Gauge Conversion and 6,096 km Doubling) has been commissioned which is 73% more than the commissioning during 2009-14 (7599 km).

During 2019-20, 2,226

km length (360 km New Lines, 408 km Gauge Conversion and 1458 km Doubling) has been commissioned which is 46% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).
