

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4790
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UTTARAKHAND

†4790. SHRI AJAY BHATT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various rail projects being implemented in Uttarakhand, project-wise along with the present status thereof;**
- (b) the number of projects lagging behind schedule along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of the cost overrun of the delayed projects, the source of financing along with the time limit for completing these projects; and**
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete the said projects on time ?**

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. 4790 BY SHRI AJAY BHATT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UTTARAKHAND

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned zonal Railway wise and not State wise, as the Indian Railways' network spans across various state boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2020 total 04 projects (3 New lines & 1 doubling) of total length 243 km costing ₹18,901 crore, in Uttarakhand are in different stages of Planning/sanction/execution, out of which, commissioning of 23 km (6 km New line and 17 km Doubling) has been achieved and expenditure of ₹ 2,519 has been incurred upto March, 2020 on these projects. These include:-

(i) 3 New line projects of total length 216 km, costing ₹ 18,554 crore, out of which, commissioning of 6 km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹ 2,275 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020 on these projects.

(ii) 1 Doubling project of total length 27 km at a cost of ₹ 347 crore, out of which 17 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 244 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020. Further, this project has been fully commissioned in January, 2021 and total expenditure of ₹ 304 crore has been incurred on this project.

The details of all ongoing projects 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(b) and (c): Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State cost share by concerned State government in cost sharing projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearance 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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s, which is finally worked out after completion of project/s. As such confirmed time frame for completion of project/s and completion cost of project/s cannot be ascertained at this stage.

(d): Various steps being taken by the Railways for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Uttarakhand during 2014-19, has increased to ₹ 672 crore per year from ₹ 187 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 259% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and Budget outlay of ₹1780 crore was provided for financial year 2020-21, which is 852% more than the average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 4,432 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 2270% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2009-14, 84 Km of Gauge conversion has been commissioned in the State at an average rate 17 km per year. During 2019-20, 23 km section (6 km New line and 17 km Doubling) has been commissioned, which is 35% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14.
