

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1463
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

NANDED-WARDHA NEW RAIL LINE

†1463. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of new rail line of Nanded - Wardha is in progress;**
- (b) if so, the time by which the work on the said railway line is likely to be completed;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to construct over bridges on the National Highways coming in that route; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 1463 BY SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING NANDED-WARDHA NEW RAIL LINE

(a): Wardha-Nanded via Yavatmal, Pusad (284 km) new line project was sanctioned in 2008-09 on cost sharing basis (60% Railway and 40% Government of Maharashtra). The anticipated cost of the project is ₹3,445 crore. An expenditure of ₹1,486 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. An outlay of ₹347 crore including State's share has been provided for the year 2021-22. An amount of ₹183.49 crore is due towards Government of Maharashtra's share for the project.

Project involves acquisition of 1,811.73 Ha. Revenue land and diversion of 119.65 Ha. Forest land, out of which State Government has handed over 1455.55 Ha. Revenue land and Forestry clearance of 19.06 Ha. Forest land. Government of Maharashtra has been requested to expedite acquisition of balance 356.18 Ha. Revenue land and diversion of 100.59 Ha. of Forest land.

Present status of the project:

Wardha-Yavatmal Section (78 km): Agencies have been finalized and work has been taken up in available land.

Yavatmal-Nanded Section (206 km): Agencies for 79 km i.e. from Yavatmal to Digras have been finalized.

Tender for balance 127 km length will be taken up after receiving the forest clearance and complete possession of Revenue land.

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(b): The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, 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. As such, confirmed completion time of project cannot be ascertained at this stage. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project expeditiously.

(c) and (d):Yes, Sir. Provision of construction of 5 nos. of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) is made on National Highway between Wardha – Nanded. The details of ROBs are as under:

- (i) Road Over Bridge (ROB) on National Highway (NH) 361 at chainage 12220.**
- (ii) Road Over Bridge (ROB) on National Highway (NH) 361 at chainage 76540.**
- (iii) Road Over Bridge (ROB) on National Highway (NH) 361(c) at chainage 130238.**
- (iv) Road Over Bridge (ROB) on National Highway (NH) 161A at chainage 147266.**
- (v) Road Over Bridge (ROB) on National Highway (NH) 361 at chainage 250073.**