GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1482 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

1482. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects that were announced for Punjab during the last three years;
- (b) the number of projects out of these, commissioned so far and the budgetary allocations made for the same; and
- (c) the status of those projects which have not been commissioned and the time by when these would be commissioned?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1482 BY SHRI BHAGWANT MANN ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

- (a): Projects are not sanctioned State wise. However, 04 doubling projects i.e. Amritsar-Chheharta, Firozpur-Bhatinda, Jakhal-Hisar and Bhatinda-Bhildi via Sirsa, Hisar of total length 928 km have been included in Budget during the last three years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and current year (up to July' 2021) falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab.
- (b) and (c): Out of these projects, Amritsar-Chheharta (7 km) doubling project has been completed and commissioned on March, 2021. Presently 15 projects of New line and doubling are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab. Total allocation of budget for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab is ₹ 2,262 crore for financial year 2021-22.

Completion of any Railway Project(s) 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 climate conditions etc. and all these factors differ from project to project and affects the completion time of the project (s).
