

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2572  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

**ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**2572. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

**SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:**

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**SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

**SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:**

**SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the current status of ongoing and pending railway projects in the country including Tamil Nadu, Assam and Punjab, State/Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether many ongoing railway projects are getting delayed due to which their costs are escalating drastically;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the project, State and Zone-wise details of estimated amounts for the completion of these projects and the details of amount spent on these projects till date?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572 BY SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN, SHRI BHAGWANT MANN, SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA, SHRI JUAL ORAM, SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R., SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL AND SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2021 REGARDING ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**(a) to (d): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as the Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. As on 01.04.2021, 484 Railway projects of 51,165 Km length, costing approx. ₹7.53 lakh crore across Indian Railways including the States of Tamil Nadu, Assam and Punjab are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 10,638 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2.14 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**

**The average annual Budget allocation in the Indian Railways for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling works during 2014-19 has increased to ₹26,026 crore per year from ₹11,527 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 126% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. The Annual budget allocation for these projects for Financial Year 2020-21 was ₹43,626 crore which is 278% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For Financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹52,498 crore {₹45,465 crore (Budget Estimate) and additional allocation of ₹7,033 crore} has been provided for these works, which is 355% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During 2009-14, 7,599 km length (1727 km New Line, 3997 km Gauge Conversion and 1875 km Doubling) was commissioned at an average of 1520 km/year. During 2014-19, 13,124 km length (3035 km New Line, 3,993 km Gauge Conversion and 6,096 km Doubling) has been commissioned across the Indian Railways' network which is 73% more**

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**than the commissioning during 2009-14 (7,599 km). During 2019-20, 2,226 km length (360 km New Line, 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). During 2020-21, 2,370 km length (286 km New Line, 470 km Gauge Conversion and 1614 km Doubling) has been commissioned which is 56% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).**

### **Tamil Nadu**

**As on 01.04.2021, 25 Projects (9 New Lines, 4 Gauge conversion and 12 Doubling) of 3,077 Km length costing ₹28,307 crore falling fully/partly in Tamil Nadu are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 850 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,846 crore has been incurred upto March 21.**

**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Tamil Nadu, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,979 crore per year from ₹879 crore per year (during 2009-14). which is 125% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹2,812 crore was provided for these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 220% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹2,972 crore has been provided for these works, which is 238% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During 2014-21, 996 km projects (404 km of Gauge Conversion and 592 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate 142.29 km per year.**

### **Punjab**

**As on 01.04.2021, 15 Projects (6 New Lines and 9 Doubling) of 1,781 Km length costing ₹25,301 crore falling fully / partly in Punjab are under**

**different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 316 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,827 crore has been incurred upto March 21.**

**Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Punjab, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,004 crore per year from ₹225 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 346% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹1,565 crore was provided for these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 596% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹2,262 crore has been provided for these works, which is highest ever and 905% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During 2014-21, 114 km Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab has been commissioned at an average rate 16.29 km per year.**

### **Assam**

**As on 01.04.2021, 14 Projects (08 New Lines and 06 Doubling) of 1,433 km length costing ₹43,515 crore falling fully/partly in Assam are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 310 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,518 crore has been incurred upto March 21.**

**Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Assam and North Eastern Region, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,531 crore per year from ₹2,122 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 161% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹4,669 crore was provided for these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 120% more than average**

**annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹6,913 crore has been provided for these works, which is 226% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During 2014-21, 1356 km projects (270 km of New Line, 972 km of Gauge Conversion and 114 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in Assam and North Eastern Region have been commissioned at an average rate 193.71 km per year, which is 94% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km/year).**

**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](http://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).**

**The 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 cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage. However, Railways is making all the efforts for expeditious completion of projects.**