

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2726
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

**†2726. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposed railway lines in Maharashtra announced in the last five budgets which have not been completed yet;**
- (b) the reasons behind the delay in the completion of the proposed railway lines;**
- (c) the current status of the same;**
- (d) the time by when the pending works related to the above railway lines are likely to be completed;**
- (e) whether any time limit has been prescribed in this regard; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2726 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR AND SHRI SANJAY JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as Indian Railway's network span across various State boundaries. However, during the last five Budgets i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22, seven new line projects for a length of 509 km falling fully/partly in Maharashtra have been included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. The details and status of these projects are as under:

SN	Name of Project	Year of inclusion in Pink Book	Length (in km)	Current anticipated Cost (₹ in Cr.)	Outlay for year 2021-22 (₹ in Cr.)
1.	Jeur - Asthi	2017-18	78	1560	0.0001
	State Government has not responded for cost sharing of the project. Project could not be taken forward being financially unviable.				
2.	Phaltan - Pandharpur	2017-18	105	1153	0.0001
	State Government has not responded for cost sharing of the project. Project could not be taken forward being financially unviable.				
3.	Hatkanangale - Ichalkarangi	2017-18	8	181	0.0001
	Project has been taken up by Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MRIDC) for development.				
4.	Solapur - Tuljapur - Osmanabad	2018-19	84	905	20
	Project has been sanctioned. Final Location Survey has been completed. Preparation of plan and section taken up.				
5.	Dhule (Borvahir) - Nardana	2018-19	51	493	0.0001
	Project has been sanctioned. Land acquisition taken up.				
6.	Kalyan - Murbad via Ulhasnagar	2018-19	28	726	0.0001
	Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up.				
7.	Bidar - Nanded	2018-19	155	2354	0.0001
	Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared. Further consideration of the project is possible once results on merit of the proposal are firmed up.				

(d) to (f): 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 conditions, orders of Hon'ble Courts, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, pandemic etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). Hence, no confirmed time frame for completion of project(s) can be ascertained at this stage.
