GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 153 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN UTTAR PRADESH

*153. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway line projects for Uttar Pradesh in the last budget in respect of which the work has not been completed;
- (b) the status of the said railway lines; and
- (c) the time by which the work on the said railway lines is likely to be completed?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 153 BY SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN UTTAR PRADESH

(a) and (b): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, total 16 new line projects of total length 1743 Km, costing ₹29060 crore falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which commissioning of 260 Km length has been done and an expenditure of ₹4,456 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Zone wise details of Uttar Pradesh is covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, East Central Railway and West Central Railway zone of Indian Railways 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)> Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(c) 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, 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 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.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Uttar Pradesh during 2014-19, has increased to ₹5278 crore per year from ₹1109 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 376% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects for the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 has been ₹8403 crore and ₹8576 crore respectively. For the financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹12,696 crore has been provided, which is 1045% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of Railway 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 projects 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.

During 2014-21, 2032 Km sections (204 km New line, 631 km Gauge conversion and 1197 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 290.29 km per year, which is 46% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (199.2 Km/Yr.)
