

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

1729. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to improve railway infrastructure in Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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. 1729 BY SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2021 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise or district-wise as Indian Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. However, presently, 35 projects (16 New Line, 2 Gauge Conversion and 17 Doubling) costing ₹91,137 crore for 6,142 km length falling fully/partly in Maharashtra including Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur districts are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 906 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,008 crore incurred upto March, 2021. These include-

16 New Line projects covering a length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹49,221 crore, out of which 62 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,563 crore incurred upto March, 2021.

2 Gauge Conversion projects covering a length of 580 km at a cost of ₹6,261 crore, out of which 277 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,261 crore incurred upto March, 2021.

17 Doubling/Multitracking Projects covering a length of 3,545 km at a cost of ₹35,655 crore, out of which 567 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,184 crore incurred upto March, 2021.

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year

(during 2009-14).Thus, the average budget allocation during 2014-19 is 310% more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14 (₹1171 crore/year).

Total allocation of Budget for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/ partly in State of Maharashtra, in 2021-22 is ₹8,547 crore which is 630% more than the average of 2009-14 (₹1171 crore/year).

Since 2014-21, 916 km (87 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 693 km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the State at an average rate of 130.86 km per year, which is 124% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km/year).
