GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2852 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY TRACKS

2852. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK: SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new railway tracks extended, the number of trains started and the amount spent in this regard in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka since the year 2014 till date, year-wise;
- (b) the number of new projects announced since 2014 till date in the country particularly for in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka;
- (c) the number and details of projects out of these that have been sanctioned and the budget allocation made in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved target of 100% electrification and upgradation of speed up to 160 kmph on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai routes; and
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2852 BY SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR, SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK AND SHRI BHOLA SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY TRACKS

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2021, 187 New Line projects of 21,037 Km length, costing ₹4,05,916 crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 2,621 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.06 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway 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) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. 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 2019-20 was ₹39,836 crore (246% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹43,626 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (278% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹52,398 crore {Original budget outlay(BE)- ₹45,465 crore and additional outlay- ₹6,933 crore} has been provided for these works, which is 355% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 3,681 km New line sections have been commissioned across Indian Railways at an average of 525.86 km/year which is 52% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14(345.40 km/year).

Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State Boundaries. However, Indian Railways during 2014-15 till November, 2021 introduced 1209 train services serving stations across the country.

Uttar Pradesh:

As on 01.04.2021, 16 New line railway projects of total length 1743 km, costing ₹29,060 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Uttar Pradesh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 260 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4456 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. During the period 2014-21 and till date, 204 km New Line sections have been commissioned.

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Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Uttar Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,278 crore per year from ₹1,109 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 376% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹8,403 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (658% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹8,576 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (673% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹14,128 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹12,696 Crore and additional allotment ₹1,432 Crore} has been provided for these projects, which is 1,174% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,109 crore per year).

The details of train services introduced (in singles) serving various stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2014-15 to 2021-22 (till November, 2021) are as under:-

State	2014-	2015-	2016-	2017-	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Uttar	44	48	52	20	30	20	Nil	4
Pradesh								

Karnataka:

As on 01.04.2021, 21 New line railway projects of total length 2,583 km, costing ₹34,154 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka

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are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 284 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,803 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. During the period 2014-21 and till date, 281 km New Line sections have been commissioned.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Karnataka, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 224% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹3,386 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (306% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,220 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (405% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹4297 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹4,204 Crore and additional allotment ₹93 Crore} has been provided for these projects, which is 415% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹835 crore per year).

The details of train services introduced (in singles) serving various stations located in the State of Karnataka during 2014-15 to 2021-22 (till November, 2021) are as under:-

State	2014-	2015-	2016-	2017-	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Karnataka	38	4	22	14	20	12	-	2

(b) The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the projects may span across various State boundaries. Since 2014-15, 58 new line projects, 25 Gauge Conversion projects and 188 Doubling projects have been included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. Out of these, 68 projects are falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh and 17 projects are falling fully/partly in Karnataka.

(c) Since 2014-15, 26 New line projects, 6 Gauge conversion projects and 133 Doubling projects have been sanctioned. Out of these, 44 projects are falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh and 13 projects are falling fully/partly in Karnataka.

(d) & (e) Indian Railways has embarked upon a major electrification programme to electrify its Broad Gauge network. As on 01.04.2021, out of 64,689 Route km, 45881 Route Km. (71%) has been electrified. Works for raising of sectional speed to 160 kmph on existing New Delhi-Mumbai (incl. Vadodara - Ahmedabad) and New Delhi-Howrah (incl. Kanpur-Lucknow) routes have been sanctioned and taken up.

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