GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2965 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

EXPANSION OF NEW RAIL LINES

†2965. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding expansion of new rail lines of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken by the Railways in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2965 BY SHRIMATI GEETA KORA, SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK AND SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING EXPANSION OF NEW RAIL LINES.

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

MADHYA PRADESH:

However, as on 01.04.2021, 08 New Lines Projects covering total length of 1979 km, costing ₹35,235 crore falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/ execution, out of which 355 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,678 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Madhya Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,213 crore per year from ₹632 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 567% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹6,906 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (993% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹6,509 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (930% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14).

For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹9,041 crore has been provided for these Projects, which is 1331% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹632 crore per year).

During the period 2014-21, 293 km New Line section has been commissioned.

JHARKHAND:

As on 01.04.2021, 13 New line projects covering total length of 1,430 Km, costing ₹25,614 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 398 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,807 crore has been incurred upto March,2021.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Jharkhand, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,089 crore per year from ₹457 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 357% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹2,493 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (446% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹3,221 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (605% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay

of ₹4,182 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 815% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹457 crore per year).

During the period 2014-21, 433 km New Line section has been commissioned.

JAMMU & KASHMIR:

As on 01.04.2021, 1 New line project covering total length of 272 Km, costing ₹27,949 crore, falling fully/partly in Jammu & Kashmir, out of which 161 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,716 crore has been incurred upto March,2021.

Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in Jammu & Kashmir, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,726 crore per year from ₹1,044 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 65% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹1,911 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (83% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹3,895 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (273% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹4,294 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 311% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,044 crore per year).

During the period 2014-21, 25 km New Line section has been commissioned.

The project-wise details including cost, expenditure and outlay are 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) >Railways > Pink Book (year) > Railway-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

During the period 2014-21, 3 New Line projects in Madhya Pradesh and 5 New Line projects falling fully/partly in Jharkhand have been included in the budget subject to requisite approvals.

During the same period i.e. 2014-21, 2 nos. of new rail line projects falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh and 2 nos. of new rail line projects falling fully/partly in Jharkhand have been sanctioned.
