

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

612. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the zone-wise details of railway projects pending till date;**
- (b) the reasons for delay in execution of projects and funds sanctioned /spent for each project; and**
- (c) the time by when all these projects are 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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 612 BY SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a): As on 01.04.2021, 484 Railway projects of 51,165 Km length, costing approx. ₹7.53 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 10,638 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.14 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. These include: -

- (i) 187 New line projects of 21,037 Km length, costing ₹4,05,916 crore, out of which commissioning of 2,621 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹1,05,591 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**
- (ii) 46 Gauge Conversion projects of 6,213 Km length, costing ₹53,171 crore, out of which commissioning of 3,587 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹22,184 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**
- (iii) 251 Doubling projects of 23,915 Km length, costing ₹2,93,471 crore, out of which commissioning of 4,430 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹86,041 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.

(b) & (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, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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.

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

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Year 2020-21 was ₹43,626 crore which is 278% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For Financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹52,498 crore {₹45,465 crore (Budget Estimate) and additional allocation of ₹7,033 crore} has been provided for these works, which is 355% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 17,720 km length (3,681 km New Line, 4,871 km Gauge Conversion and 9,168 km Doubling) has been commissioned at an average of 2,531 km/year which is 67% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14(1520 km/year).
