

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

***282. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and present status of various railway projects being implemented in Maharashtra including those announced in the Union Budget during the last five years;**
- (b) the number of such railway projects sanctioned but work is yet to commence;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated / spent along with the funds lying unspent for the said projects during the last three years, State/ project-wise, along with the reasons for unspent funds;**
- (d) whether it is proposed to implement any project in Parbhani and Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg parliamentary constituencies and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the work of such new railway lines in tribal areas is likely to commence soon whose survey has been completed; and**
- (f) if so, the steps taken/ being taken to adopt immediate action on these railway projects approved by the Government in order to complete these projects in a time-bound manner and to avoid further escalation of costs?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 BY SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE AND SHRI SANJAY JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as Indian Railway's projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 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 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.

Details of these projects including those included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals, during last 5 years and current year i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 are appended.

New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra are covered in Central Railway (CR), South Central Railway (SCR), South East Central Railway (SECR), South Western Railway (SWR) and Western Railway (WR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of funds of ongoing 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 allotment for infrastructure projects. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹6,700 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (472% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, ₹8,547 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 630% more than the average annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,171 crore per year), for Financial Year 2022-23 highest ever budget outlay of ₹11,903 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 916% more.

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

(d): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not Parliamentary Constituency-wise.

(e) and (f): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise or region-wise, as Indian Railway's projects may span across State/ region boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 16 New Line projects, covering a length of 2,017 km, at a cost of ₹49,221 crore, falling fully/ partly

in Maharashtra including tribal areas, are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 62 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,563 crore incurred upto March, 2021. On completion of these projects, rail connectivity in tribal areas will be improved.

The execution and 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 considerations etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost overrun of the project(s). Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail 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 project 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.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 BY SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE AND SHRI SANJAY JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

Details of the projects falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra including those included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals, during last 5 years and current year i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22:

(₹ in crore)					
SN	Name of Project with length (km)	Year of sanction/ inclusion in Budget	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto March 2021	Proposed outlay for 2022-23 excluding PPP
	NEW LINE:				
1	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parle Vaijnath (261 km)	1995-96	4557	2757	200
	35.27 km (Ahmednagar-Narayandoh-Solapurwadi) and Solapurwadi-Ashti (31 km) length has been commissioned. Work has been taken up in balance section in available land.				
2	Baramati-Lonand (64 km)	1998-99	736	277	0.0001
	27 Km (Lonand-Phaltan) has been commissioned.				
3	Wardha-Nanded (via Yevatmal-Pusood) (284 km)	2008-09	3445	1486	541.47
	Work on the project has been taken up.				
4	Wadsa-Gadchiroli (52 km)	2011-12	1096	42	20
	Land acquisition and forestry clearance for the project has been taken up.				
5	Karad-Chiplun (112 km)	2015-16	2954	0	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Project not taken forward as parallel Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur new line project sanctioned.				
6	Dighi Port-Roha (34 km)	2015-16	725	0.19	0.0001
	Work is at planning stage.				
7	Pune-Nasik (235 km)	2016-17	16039	0	0.0001
	Pune-Nasik project has been taken up in Joint Venture (JV) mode by Maharashtra JV.				

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8	Vaibhavwadi-Kolhapur (108 km)	2016-17	3438	0	0.0001
	Project is sanctioned in August, 2019 at a cost of ` 3438.49 crore. Cost estimation is under re-examination.				
9	Indore-Manmad via Malegaon (358 km)	2016-17	8858	0	0.0001
	Work has been taken up by Indian Port Railway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) in Joint Venture mode.				
10	Jeur-Ashti (78 km)	2017-18	1560	0	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. State Government has been requested to share 50% cost of project and providing land free of cost. Consent of State Government has not been received.				
11	Phaltan-Pandharpur (105 km)	2017-18	1153	0	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. State Government has been requested to share 50% cost of project and providing land free of cost. Consent of State Government has not been received.				
12	Hatkanangale-Ichalkaranji (8 km)	2017-18	181	0	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Project considered in Joint Venture mode.				
13	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad (84 km)	2018-19	905	0	10
	Project sanctioned in January, 2019. Land acquisition has been taken up.				
14	Dhule (Borvahir)-Nardana (51 km)	2018-19	493	0	50
	Project sanctioned in January, 2019. Land acquisition has been taken up.				
15	Kalyan-Murbad via Ulhasnagar (28 km)	2018-19	726	0	5
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. DPR has been prepared for examination.				
16	Bidar-Nanded (155 km)	2018-19	2354	0	0.0001
	Project has been included in Budget subject to requisite government approvals. Detailed Project Report has been prepared. State Government of Maharashtra and				

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	Karnataka have been requested for providing land free of cost and sharing 50% cost of the project. Consent of State Governments has not been received.				
	<u>GAUGE CONVERSION (GC):</u>				
1	Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola and MM of Fatehabad-Chandrawati Ganj-Ujjain (496 km)	2008-09	5411	2261	888
	278 km section of GC (Dhosawas-Ratlam-Indore-Rau-Mhow & Nimarkheri-Mathela) has been commissioned. Work has been taken up in balance section in available land.				
2	Pachora-Jamner with extension upto Malkapur NG to BG (84 km)	2019-20	850	0	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Preparation of Detailed Project Report has been taken up.				
	<u>DOUBLING:</u>				
1	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (224.90 km) and Pune-Guntakal Electrification (641.37 km)	2009-10	3162	2626	100
	196 km doubling has been commissioned and work taken up in balance section.				
2	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd line (68 km)	2011-12	911	340	160
	Work taken up in available land.				
3	Bhusawal-Jalgaon 3rd line (24 km)	2011-12	434	319	0.0001
	Entire project commissioned.				
4	Wardha (Sewagram) - Nagpur 3rd line (76 km)	2012-13	540	362	87
	19 km (Butibori – Sindi) commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
5	Hotgi-Kudgi-Gadag (284 km)	2014-15	1877	1433	140
	196 km section commissioned. Works taken up in balance section in available land.				

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6	Wardha-Ballarshah 3 rd line (132 km)	2015-16	1272	432	305
	13.18 km section commissioned. Work taken up in balance section available land.				
7	Itarsi-Nagpur balance 3 rd line (280 km)	2015-16	2450	520	610
	25 km section has been commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
8	Pune-Miraj-Londa (466 km)	2015-16	4795	1345	1567
	146 km doubling has been commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
9	Kazipet -Ballarshah 3 rd line excluding Mandamari-Raghavapuram (202 km)	2015-16	2063	1470	550
	50 km tripling has been commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
10	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3 rd line (228 km)	2015-16	3525	1132	641
	43 km tripling has been commissioned. Works taken up in balance section in available land.				
11	Daund-Manmad (236 km)	2016-17	2081	534	500
	35 km doubling has been commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
12	Manmad-Jalgaon 3 rd line (160 km)	2016-17	1048	267	205
	Work taken up in available land.				
13	Wardha-Nagpur 4 th line (79 km)	2016-17	638	248	130
	Butibori-Sindi (19 km) commissioned. Work taken up in balance section in available land.				
14	Jalgaon-Bhusawal 4 th line (24 km)	2016-17	265	157	55
	Work taken up.				

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15	Igatpuri - Manmad 3rd line (122 km)	2018-19	1850	0.06	0.0001
	Project included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. Project considered in Joint Venture mode.				
16	Bhusawal-Wardha 3rd line (313 km)	2019-20	2485	0	1
	Project included in Budget 2019-20 under Umbrella work, subject to obtaining requisite Government Clearances. Preparation of Detailed Project Report has been taken up.				
17	Doubling of Akola-Dhone via Purna, Mudkhed, Secunderabad, Mehboobnagar excluding Purna-Mudkhed and Bolarum-Mehboobnagar including Dhone bye pass (626 km)	2019-20	6260	0	5
	Project has been included in budget subject to requisite Government approvals. Detailed Project Report has been prepared for examination.				
