

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

COMPLETION OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS

†*491. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various developmental works have been completed in respect of Nagpur-Bilaspur (under third phase) railway line at Gondia-Bhandara;**
- (b) if so, the details of works completed so far; 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 STARRED QUESTION NO.491 BY SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING COMPLETION OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS

(a) to (c) Railway has taken up tripling of Gondia-Bhandara rail line as a part of Rajnandgaon-Nagpur(Kalumna) 3rd line (228.30 km) project included in budget 2015-16. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹ 3,177 crore. So far, an expenditure of ₹ 1674 crore has been incurred and Budget outlay of ₹ 450 crore has been provided for financial year 2021-22 for this project. Project involve acquisition of 23.95 ha revenue land and forestry clearance of 20.95 ha land in Chhattisgarh. Entire land acquisition and forestry clearance in Chhattisgarh has been completed. Further in Maharashtra, project involve acquisition of 44.72 ha revenue land and forestry clearance of 35.43 ha land. Out of which 37.80 ha revenue land and forestry clearance of 1.24 ha land has been obtained. Balance land acquisition of 6.92 ha revenue land and forest clearance of 34.19 ha land has been taken up in Maharashtra.

Rajnandgaon-Dongargarh (31.20 km), Dongargarh-Paniajob (8 km), Bortalao-Darakasa (9.20 km) and Tumsar-Bhandara (18.26 km) has been commissioned. Work has been taken up in balance sections in available land.

The timely completion of Railway project/s also depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by concerned State Government /Agencies in cost sharing project/s, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and

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topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project 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. However, railway is making all efforts.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹ 2,274 crore per year from ₹ 311 crore per year during 2009-14 which is 631% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3,269 crore in 2019-20 (951% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 3874 in financial year 2020-21 (1146% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14).

For financial year 2021-22, Budget outlay of ₹ 3730 crore has been provided for these works which is 1099% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 637 Km section (132 km New lines and 505 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh State have been commissioned at an average rate 91 km per year, which is 1322% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (6.4 Km/Yr.).