

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1322
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

ONGOING/PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND

†1322. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of various ongoing/pending rail projects in Jharkhand;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects within the time frame fixed;**
- (c) the number of such rail projects in Jharkhand, the survey of which has been conducted and approval has been given but the work has not yet started;**
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the completion of these projects; and**
- (e) if so, the details 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1322 BY SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING ONGOING/PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND

(a) to (e): Railway Infrastructure projects are not sanctioned State-wise or District-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 32 projects (13 new lines, 01 gauge conversions and 18 doublings), costing ₹ 42,671 crore, covering total length of 2,795 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are in different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 631 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 12,729 crore has been incurred upto March'21. These include:

- 13 new line projects covering total length of 1,430 km, costing ₹ 25,614 crore, out of which, 398 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 6,807 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**
- 01 gauge conversion project covering total length of 159 km, costing ₹ 1,455 crore, out of which, 90 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 184 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**
- 18 doubling projects covering total length of 1,206 km, costing ₹ 15,602 crore, out of which, 143 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5,738 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**

Railway infrastructure projects in the State of Jharkhand are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) and South East Central Railway (SECR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of projects 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)> Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Railway Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and 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 average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 2,493 crore for financial year 2019-20 (446% more than average annual outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 3,221 crore for financial year 2020-21 (605% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14). For financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹ 4,182 crore (Original Budget Estimate (BE) ₹ 4079 crore and Additional outlay ₹ 103 crore) has been provided for these projects, which is 815% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 863 Km sections (433 Km New Lines and 430 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand has been commissioned at an average rate of 123.29 Km/year, which is 115% more than the average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (57.4 Km/year).

Railways have taken up various steps for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects which include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (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.

Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of State share by the State Government in cost sharing 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. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. As such, no firm time-line for completion of the project/s can be given at this stage. Nevertheless, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.
