

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

1331. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new rail projects, sanctioned for West Bengal since 2014; zone and year-wise;**
- (b) the number of projects, out of the above, on which work is going on along with the amount spent thereon so far and the steps being taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects; project-wise; and**
- (c) the details of the operation of new trains announced during the last three years in West Bengal?**

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. 1331 BY SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

(a) and (b): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise as railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, since 2014, 09 Railway projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal have been sanctioned. Details are appended herewith.

As on 01.04.2021, 53 projects (16 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 33 doublings), costing ₹ 55,174 crore, covering a length of 4,463 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal including those projects included since 2014, are in different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 2,001 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,176 crore has been incurred upto March'21. These include:

- 16 new line projects covering a length of 1,538 Km, costing ₹21,626 crore, out of which, 683 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,556 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**
- 4 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1,200 Km, costing ₹7,848 crore, out of which, 838 Km length commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,534 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**
- 33 doubling projects covering a length of 1,725 Km, costing ₹25,700 crore, out of which, 480 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,086 crore has been incurred upto March'21.**

Railway Infrastructure Projects in the state of West Bengal is covered by Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. 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)>Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

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. Nevertheless, Railways are making all efforts to complete these projects at the earliest.

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.

(c): Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, 16 train services (in single on originating/terminating basis) have been introduced during (last three years) 2019-20 to 2021-22 (till Dec. 2021), serving various stations located in the State of West Bengal.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1331 BY SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

New Projects falling fully/partly in West Bengal since 2014-15.

S. No.	Rly	PH	Name of Project	Length of project (in Km)	Year of Sanction
1	NFR	NL	Haldibari- Int. Border	3	2016-17
2	SER	DL	Mohsila-Kalipahari	5	2015-16
3	ER	DL	Sagardighi- Malda Town (Nimtita - New Farakka)	25	2016-17
4	NFR	DL	New Mainaguri- Gumanihat remaining portion	52	2017-18
5	SER	DL	Kharagpur-Adityapur 3rd line	132	2016-17
6	SER	DL	Narayangarh-Bhadrak 3rd line	153	2018-19
7	SER	DL	Damodar-Mohisila	8	2016-17
8	SER	DL	Purulia-Kotshila	39	2019-20
9	ER	DL	Byepass at Sainthia,	24	2018-19

Note: SER for South Eastern Railway,

NFR for Northeast Frontier Railway

ER for Eastern Railway

DL for Doubling

NL for New Line
