

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2506  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

**BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES**

**2506. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the list of new Broad-Gauge (BG) railway lines which are under construction or have been constructed in the country during the last three years;**
- (b) whether new BG railway lines have been constructed in Gujarat during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has received any proposal regarding survey or construction of new BG railway lines in Gujarat during the last ten years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of these proposals with its cost of construction?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2506 BY SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2022 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINES.**

**(a): As on 01.04.2021, 187 New line projects of 21,037 Km length, costing approx. ₹4.06 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which commissioning of 2,621 Km length has been achieved and expenditure of approx. ₹1.06 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**

**The details of all ongoing projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://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 (RSP).**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of Projects. The Average Annual Budget allocation in the Indian Railways for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling works in Indian Railways 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 Year 2019-20 was ₹39,836 crore (246% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹43,626 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (278% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial year 2021-22, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹52,398**

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**crore has been provided for these works, which is 355% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

**During the last three years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and upto 9<sup>th</sup> March,2022, total 10,379 km section(s) (1,306 km New line, 1,905 km Gauge Conversion and 7,168 km Doubling) has been commissioned across Indian Railways.**

**(b): Yes, Sir. The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as the Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. Gujarat State is very well connected with Railway Network. As on 01.04.2021, 04 New Line projects of a total length of 479 km, costing ₹5006 crore falling fully/partly in Gujarat are under different stages of planning/ approval/execution, out of which 79 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,793 Crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**

**Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹3,327 crore per year, from ₹589 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 465% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹589 crore per year). These allocations have been increased to ₹4,803 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (716% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,071 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (591% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever**

**budget outlay of ₹4,924 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 736% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹589 crore per year).**

**During 2009-14, 660 Km sections (538 km of Gauge conversion and 122 km of Doubling projects) falling fully / partly in the State of Gujarat have been commissioned at an average rate 132 km per year. Whereas, During 2014-21, 928 Km sections (142 km New line, 302 km Gauge conversion and 484 km Doubling) falling fully / partly in the State of Gujarat have been commissioned at an average rate 132.57 km per year.**

**(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Proposals/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal regarding Railway projects/surveys are received from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. by Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.**

**During the last 10 years i.e. from 2011-12 onwards, 63 nos. of survey works for 6,725 Km New Broad Gauge line falling fully/partly in Gujarat have been sanctioned. During the same period, 33 nos. of survey works for 3,089 Km New Lines falling fully/partly in Gujarat have been completed.**

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**New line projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.**

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