

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

3285. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and spent on the construction of railway lines in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years; year-wise;**
- (b) whether the length of railway lines per square kilometer is less than the national average;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to bridge this gap; and**
- (d) the details of railways projects sanctioned during last five years and its current status thereof?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3285 BY SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 04 New line Projects of total length 258 Km costing ₹ 16,133 crore, falling fully/partly in Himachal Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, Out of which 61 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 1,712 Cr. has been incurred upto March 21.

Railway projects falling fully/partly in Himachal Pradesh are covered under Northern Railway Zone. The details of 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)> Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. As on 31.03.2021, the total Route kilometer per 100 Sq km area in Himachal Pradesh is 0.56 route km per 100 Sq km area against National average of 2.07 route km per 100 Sq km of area. Completion of ongoing projects in Himachal Pradesh will improve rail density in Himachal Pradesh.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocations and commensurate commissioning of Infrastructure projects & safety works. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Himachal Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹ 280 crore per year from ₹ 108 crore per year (during 2009-14),

which is 159% more than average allocation during 2009-14. These Budget allocations has been ₹ 222 crore for financial year 2019-20 (106% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹ 597 crore for financial year 2020-21 (453% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹ 873 crore for financial year 2021-22 (708% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For FY 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 1780 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 1548% more than the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14.

During 2009-14, there was 'Nil' commissioning of new lines in Himachal Pradesh, whereas during 2014-21, total 16 km new lines, falling fully/partly in Himachal Pradesh has been commissioned.

(d): During the last five years i.e. 2017-18 onwards, one new line project of Una-Hamirpur (54 km) has been included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared.
