

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

LAYING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

**†1829. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:
SHRI BALAK NATH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to lay new rail lines in various parts of the country including Rajasthan;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of proposals from Rajasthan related to new rail line projects lying pending with the Government after the completion of survey by declaring them economically non-viable, project-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to carry out/restart the construction on the Gajsinghpur-Padampur-Binjhbayla-Goluwala-Hanumangadh-Rawatsar-Nohar which was announced in the year 1998 and Alwar-Narnaul via Behror rail line project in the State of Rajasthan;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans for laying of new railway lines in Rajasthan during the current financial year; and**
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1829 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND, SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL AND SHRI BALAK NATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2022 REGARDING LAYING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN

(a), (b), (e) & (f): Yes, Sir. The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State/UT-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/UT boundaries. As on 01.04.2022, across Indian Railways including Rajasthan, 183 New Line projects of total length of 20,937 km, costing approx. ₹4.0 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 2,831 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

As on 01.04.2022, 11 New Line projects of total length of 1,228 km, costing ₹16,942 crore, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 107 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,695 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered in North Western Railway (NWR), North Central Railway (NCR), Northern Railway (NR), Western Railway (WR) zone of Indian Railways.

Zone wise 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (year)> Railway-wise Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

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. Detailed Project Report (DPR) is prepared for all projects including those in Rajasthan which are found feasible after survey. Projects are appraised based on parameters brought out in DPR. After firming up of various parameters, further sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog., approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs etc. Sanctioning of projects is a continuous process.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Rajasthan, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 333% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have increased to ₹4,686 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (587% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,582 crore in Financial Year 2020-21(572% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹6,006 crore for Financial Year 2021-22 (781% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever Budget outlay of ₹7,565 crore has been

provided for these projects, which is 1009% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 2322 Km length (176 km of New line, 771 km Gauge conversion and 1,375 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan has been commissioned at an average rate 290.25 km per year, which is 82% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (159.6 Km/Yr.).

(c) and (d): Gajsinghpur, Hanumangarh and Nohar already exist on railway network. Gajsinghpur is connected to Hanumangarh via Sri Ganganagar and via Suratgarh also. Hanumangarh-Nohar line also exists. Survey of Gajsinghpur-Sadulpur (248.54 km) via Padampur, Goluwala, Rawatsar, Taranagar, Dadrewa was completed in 2015-16. Project could not be taken forward being financially unviable. Narnaul is connected to Alwar by rail via Rewari. However, no survey has been carried out for new railway line between Alwar-Narnaul via Behror.
