GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 571 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK IN RAJASTHAN

†571. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each scheme being implemented presently to improve and extend the rail network in Rajasthan;

(b) the quantum of funds proposed to be allocated and released at present under the above mentioned schemes in each district of Rajasthan;

(c) the details of works performed and schemes implemented to improve and extend the Rail network in Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(d) the details of newly constructed rail lines in Rajasthan during the last three years?

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. 571 BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK IN RAJASTHAN

(a) to (d): Projects are not sanctioned state-wise/ district-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries.

To improve and extend the Rail network in Rajasthan, 28 projects (11 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 12 doubling), costing ` ₹ 59,271 crore for 5,069 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,196 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 11,207 crore has been incurred upto March 2022. These include:

- 11 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,228 km at a cost of ₹ 16,942 crore, out of which 107 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,695 crore has been incurred upto March 22.
- 05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering a length of 1,319 km at a cost of ₹ 12,690 crore, out of which 654 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,652 crore has been incurred upto March 22.
- 12 Doubling Projects covering a length of 2,522 km at a cost of
 ₹ 29,639 crore, out of which 434 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,860 crore has been incurred upto March 22.

Rajasthan is covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. The details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise and Zonal Railway wise 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 & Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there is substantial increase in Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹ 2,951 crore per year from ₹ 682 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual Budget allocation during 2014-19 is 333% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14. Budget allocation for these projects in 2019-20 has been increased to ₹ 4,686 crore (587% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,582 crore in financial year 2020-21 (572% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14). Budget outlay of ₹ 6006 crore has been provided for these projects for financial year 2021-22 which is 781% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14. Highest ever Budget outlay of ₹ 7565 crore has been provided for these projects for financial year 2022-23 which is 1009% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 2322 km sections (176 km New line, 771 km Gauge conversion and 1375 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan, have been commissioned at an average rate of 290.25 km per year, which is 82% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (159.60 Km/year).

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