

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

**593. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has received any representations from various organizations/rail users and the State Government of Maharashtra for the laying of new rail lines, doubling and electrification of railway tracks and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of surveys proposed to be conducted for the laying of new railway lines, doubling and electrification of railway tracks in Maharashtra during the last five years;**
- (c) the number of surveys conducted and completed during the last five years; and**
- (d) the number of projects on which construction work has been started along with the details 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. 593 BY SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE AND SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a): Proposals/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal regarding Railway projects/ extension of rail routes 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, Divisional offices etc. As receipt of such proposals/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

(b) and (c): Total 19 surveys for New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra with aggregate length of 1,197 km have been completed in last 5 years and current financial year.

(d): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise, as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway projects (16 New line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling) costing ₹ 80,079 crore for 6,118 km length falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 1,154 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 21,297 crore incurred upto March, 2022. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects covering a length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹38,359 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,084 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

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- (ii) **2 Gauge Conversion projects covering a length of 580 km at a cost of ₹7,062 crore, out of which 279 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,404 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**
- (iii) **16 Doubling projects covering a length of 3,521 km at a cost of ₹34,658 crore, out of which 782 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹13,809 crore has been incurred upto March 2022.**

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment for infrastructure projects. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹7,281 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (522% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹6,700 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (472% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹8,547 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (630% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest ever budget allocation of ₹11,903 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 916% more than the average annual Budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹1,171 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1,141 km section (118 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 887 km of Doubling) falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate of 142.63 km per year, which is 144% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km per year).