

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

AJMER-SAWAI MADHOPUR RAILWAY PROJECT

†678. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has expressed its inability to bear 50 per cent cost and to provide land free of cost for 165 kilometer long Ajmer-Sawai Madhopur via Tonk railway project sanctioned in Rail Budget 2015-16 and has not signed the memorandum of Understanding for the said project as a result of which the project has been lying pending till date;

(b) if so, the year-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether Railways has sanctioned projects on the basis of gross budgetary assistance in the country during the last five years and if so, the year-wise details of the project;

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement the new rail project Ajmer to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur with gross budgetary support; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678 BY SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING AJMER-SAWAI MADHOPUR RAILWAY PROJECT

(a) to (e): Ajmer (Nasirabad) – Sawai Madhopur (ChauthKa Barwara) via Tonk (165 km) new line project was included in the Budget 2015-16 with the commitment from Government of Rajasthan to provide land free of cost and to share 50% cost of the project. Accordingly, State Government was requested for funding 50% of the project cost and to provide land free of cost. Government of Rajasthan has not agreed for providing land free of cost and share 50% cost of project and expressed their inability for cost sharing.

Since Government of Rajasthan has expressed their inability in cost sharing of Ajmer (Nasirabad) – Sawai Madhopur (ChauthKa Barwara) via Tonk (165 km) new line project, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the project has not been signed yet with Government of Rajasthan and therefore execution of project is held up on this account.

On the request of Government of Rajasthan, Bankability study of project was carried out by Railway. As per report Rate of Return of project is (-) 7.85% with land cost and (-) 7.08% without land cost.

Considering the huge shelf of ongoing projects and Rate of Return (-)7.85% of the project, it is not possible for Railways to take up the Ajmer to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur new line project solely with Gross Budgetary Support (GBS).

Presently, 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,

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out of which, 1,196 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 11,207 Cr. 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.**

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).
