

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

SERVICES OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAINS

†*225 SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of several passenger trains and freight trains passing through Chhattisgarh under Bilaspur, Raipur DRM and Nagpur DRM Office of Maharashtra have been put on hold for the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such trains and the period for which the said trains have been put on hold;

(c) the details of the total loss of revenue suffered by the Railway in this regard during the said period;

(d) the details of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh by the Government for the upgradation/ expansion/ maintenance of existing rail routes and to introduce new trains along with the details of the targets fixed and the expenses made in this regard; and

(e) the total revenue collected by the Railways through the stall, advertisements and vehicle stands set up at railway stations coming under Raipur and Bilaspur DRM?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 225 BY SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING SERVICES OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAINS

(a) to (e) South East Central Railway, which primarily serves the stations located in the State of Chhattisgarh, is presently operating 58 Mail/Express trains and 128 Passenger trains, including 20825/26 Bilaspur-Nagpur Vande Bharat Express which is higher than the number of Mail/Express and Passenger trains operated prior to Covid-19. Introduction of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.

As on 01.04.2024, 25 project (08 New Line and 17 Doubling) of a total length 2,731 km, costing ₹37,018 crore, falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 882 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,919 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

i. 8 New Line projects covering total length of 1,358 km at a cost of ₹20,414 crore, out of which 184 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,154 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

ii. 17 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,373 km at a cost of ₹16,604 crore, out of which 698 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,765 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh is an under:

Period	Average outlay	Increase as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 311Cr./year	-
2023-24	₹ 6008 Crore	More than 19 times
2024-25	₹ 6922 Crore	More than 22 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Change w.r.t average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	32 km	6.4 km/Year	-
2014-24	999 km	99.9 km/Year	Nearly 15.6 times

There is an increasing trend over time in revenue collected by Raipur and Bilaspur Division from Railway Display Network (RDN), Out of Home Advertisement (OOH), advertisement on trains, ATMs and stalls etc. under other Non Fare Revenue activities.