

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 36
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

RAILWAY LINES UNDER MUMBAI REGION

†*36 SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding laying of Vasai to Diva railway line falling under the Mumbai region;**
- (b) if so, the details along with the present status thereof;**
- (c) the details of total area of land acquired for laying of above mentioned railway line; and**
- (d) the detailed information with regard to the time duration and estimated cost of laying of the said railway line?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 BY SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY LINES UNDER MUMBAI REGION

(a) to (d): Vasai to Diva is already an existing double broad gauge line section. Construction of Western DFC on parallel alignment is also in progress. Further, construction of Vasai bye pass line (Double line) between Naigaon and Juchandra (5.73 Km) has been sanctioned. Further extension of these corridors for future demands on suburban corridors is a continuous process. Moreover, Panvel-Virar new suburban corridor is also taken under consideration at a cost of ₹7,184 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis with Govt. of Maharashtra as a part of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP).

Further, to avoid congestions on suburban corridors and to meet the future demands, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-IIIA costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned . These projects include following additional 10 rail links :

S.No.	Name of project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
2	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km)	919
3	Panvel-Karjat Suburban corridor (29.6 km)	2782
4	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) suburban corridor link (3.3 km)	476
5	Quadrupling of Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
6	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km)	826
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866

All these MUTP projects have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis 50:50 between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra Govt. was not providing requisite funds on time as per the commitment till 2022-23, resulting in delay in completion of the projects. Government of Maharashtra has started funding for MUTP-IIIA projects from April 2023.

Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 km costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are in planning/approval/construction stages, out of which 1,926 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,236 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include-

- (i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹8,529 crore, out of which 166 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,529 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 609 km costing ₹7,339 crore, out of which 312 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- (iii) 23 doubling projects of total length of 3,251 km costing ₹35,818 crore, out of which 1448 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,376 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered in Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise and Year-wise details of railway projects including their cost, source of funds, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹1171 crore/year	-
2014-24	₹7197 crore/year	6.1 times
2023-24	₹13539 crore	11.56 times

The details of commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, is as under:-

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 km/year	-
2014-24	1830 Km	183 km/year	3.13 times

In 2023-24 total 358 kms have been commissioned which is more than 6 times as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of

area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
