GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1473 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

SURVEY OF RINGAS-KHATU-LOSAL-DIDWANA RAIL LINE

†1473 SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects approved in Sikar along with the details of the projects on which survey is being conducted; and
- (b) the details of survey conducted on Ringas-Khatu-Losal-Didwana new rail line along with the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1473 BY SHRI AMRA RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING SURVEY OF RINGAS – KHATU – LOSAL - DIDWANA RAIL LINE

(a) & (b): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned Statewise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies.

As on 01.04.2024, 32 Railway infrastructure projects (15 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 12 doubling), costing ₹ 51814 crore for 4191 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan including Sikar are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1183 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 14786 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:

- 15 New Line Projects covering total length of 1230 km at a cost of ₹ 20997 crore, out of which 134 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3593 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- 05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 1252 km at a cost of ₹ 8334 crore, out of which 759 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5398 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- 12 Doubling Projects covering total length of 1709 km at a cost of ₹ 22483 crore, out of which 290 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5794 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning, falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan is as under:-

Budget allotment:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase wrt average
		allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 682 Cr./Yr	-
2023-24	₹ 9532 Cr.	Nearly 14 times
2024-25	₹ 9959 Cr.	Nearly 15 times

Commissioning:

Period	Average Commissioning	Increase wrt
		commissioning in 2009-14
2009-14	798 Km (159.6 km/year)	-
2014-24	3742 Km (374.2 km/year)	More than 2 times

Survey of total 54 projects (23 new line and 31 doubling) of total length 4,894 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan including Sikar have been sanctioned during last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year 2024-25).

The new rail line between Ringus – Khatushyamji (17.49 Km) has been sanctioned recently. Survey for Ringus - Didwana via Khatushyamji new line (105.50 km) was carried out but could not be taken forward

due to low traffic projections. Ringus and Didwana are existing stations on Indian Railway Network connected via Phulera. Moreover, a survey has been sanctioned for new rail line between Khatushyamji – Salasar ji – Sujangarh (45 Km) recently.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railways. Railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, connecting to unconnected towns and cities, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

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