

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1509  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

**ONGOING RAIL PROJECTS IN UTTARAKHAND**

**†1509 SHRI AJAY BHATT:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of ongoing rail projects in Uttarakhand at present;**
- (b) the status of each rail project as on date;**
- (c) whether any project is lagging behind from its fixed time period; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1509 BY SHRI AJAY BHATT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING ONGOING RAIL PROJECTS IN UTTARAKHAND**

**(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2024, 3 New Line projects covering total length of 216 Km costing ₹25,941 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 6 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,777 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

**New Lines projects falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand are covered under Northern Railway (NR) and North Eastern Railway (NER) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**In Uttarakhand, two major ongoing projects are Deoband-Roorkee new line (27 km) and Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new line (125 km). Deoband-Roorkee new line project of 27 km length, costing ₹1053 crore is likely to be completed in this financial year. This project will reduce the distance between Delhi and Dehradun by approx. 40 km. Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new rail line project of 125 km, costing ₹24,659 crore predominantly involves tunnels, in which about 170 km out of 213 km tunnelling has been completed. This project will provide rail connectivity to Devprayag and Karnaprayag religious and tourist spots with Rishikesh and National Capital of India.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Uttarakhand:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>%age more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹187Cr./Yr</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹5004 Cr.</b>	<b>More than 26.75 times</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹5131 Cr.</b>	<b>More than 27 times</b>

**The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).**

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