

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

RAIL LINE PROJECT AJMER - SAWAI MADHOPUR VIA TONK

1531 SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to complete the “Ajmer (Nasirabad)- Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) via Tonk (165 Km) New Rail Line Project” through its own resources; and**
- (b) 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) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1531 BY SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING RAIL LINE PROJECT AJMER - SAWAI MADHOPUR VIA TONK

(a) & (b): 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 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 |

Ajmer (Nasirabad) – Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) via Tonk (165 km) New Line project was approved on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Ministry of Railways and Government of Rajasthan and land is to be provided free of cost by Government of Rajasthan.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick 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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.