

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2562  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

**NEW RAILWAY LINES PROPOSED IN RAJASTHAN**

†2562 **SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey for laying a new railway line to connect several religious places in Rajasthan;**
- (b) if so, the zone and location-wise details of the new railway lines proposed to be laid in Rajasthan along with their length;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey for laying a new railway line from Rings - Khatu Shyamji-Salasar-Sujangarh-Dron-Parvat-Karnimata (Nokha) to connect major religious places;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the plan of the Government for laying new railway lines during the current financial year?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2562 BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES PROPOSED IN RAJASTHAN**

**(a) to (e): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. Sanction of New Railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network including prominent religious places is a continuous and an ongoing process of Indian Railways.**

**Survey of total 54 projects (23 new line and 31 doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan having a total length of 4,894 Km have been sanctioned during last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year 2024-25) under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services, connectivity to**

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**industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, agricultural zones including religious and cultural places.**

**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 ₹ 14785 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.**

**Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of**

**Railway projects, including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**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:**

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

**Commissioning:**

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

**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.**

**The work of Ringus – Khatu Shyamji (17.49 Km) new rail line has been sanctioned in March 2024 at a cost of ₹ 254.06 Cr. Further, a Final Location Survey has also been taken up for new rail line between Khatu Shyamji – Salasar ji – Sujangarh (45 Km) for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). Nokha is already connected to Ringus and Sujangarh through existing rail network.**

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