

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2681
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

TANAKPUR-GHAT-BAGESHWAR RAILWAY LINE

†2681. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the names of railway lines in the country on which construction work has been stopped forever after conducting survey;**
- (b) whether the Government has stopped the construction of strategically important Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar railway line in the border district of Uttarakhand forever;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the time period by which the said construction work has been stopped?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2681 BY SHRI AJAY BHATT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING TANAKPUR-GHAT-BAGESHWAR RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (d): The survey of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects are taken up 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 including connectivity to places of strategic importance, border areas, industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, villages etc.

Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations including connectivity to places of strategic importance, border areas etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Construction of the railway lines commences after the sanctioning of the project.

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As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year	-
2024-25	₹68,634 crore	Nearly 6 times

The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day	-
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day	More than 2 times

In 2023-24, 5,309 km sections have been commissioned across Indian Railways.

The survey of Tanakpur-Bageshwar New Broad Gauge Line (170 km) has been sanctioned for preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the survey work has been taken up.
