

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2683
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF WADSA-GADCHIROLI RAILWAY LINE

2683 DR KIRSAN NAMDEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 2011-12 Budget Government made a provision for connecting Gadchiroli, a district headquarter in the tribal dominated and the most backward area in Maharashtra with Wadsa-Gadchiroli rail network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether construction of the Wadsa-Gadchiroli railway line has commenced;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay along with the time by which the said construction work is likely to be commenced and completed?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2683 BY DR KIRSAN NAMDEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF WADSA-GADCHIROLI RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (e): Wadsa-Gadchiroli (52 km) new line project has been sanctioned on 50:50 cost sharing basis with Government of Maharashtra. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹1096 cr. An expenditure of ₹337 crore has been incurred on the project till March'2024. An outlay of ₹250 crore has been provided for financial year 2024-25. In 2023-24 complete land (220.46 Ha) has been acquired and Forest/Wildlife clearance have been received and work has been taken up.

As on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 km costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are at various stage of planning and implementation, out of which 1,926 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,236 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include-

(i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹38,423 crore, out of which 166 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,529 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

(ii) 02 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 609 km costing ₹7,339 crore, out of which 312 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

(iii) 23 Doubling projects of total length of 3,251 km costing ₹35,818 crore, out of which 1,448 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,376 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

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Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹13,539 Crore	Nearly 11.6 times
2024-25	₹15940 Crore	Nearly 13.6 times

The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections falling fully/partly in the state of Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	292 km	58.4 km/Year	-
2014-24	1,830 km	183 km/Year	About 3.13 times

Completion/Execution of Railway project/s depends on various factors like 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 due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the execution and completion time of the project/s.
