GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2722 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

PENDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MADHYA PRADESH

†2722 DR. RAJESH MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new railway lines constructed/under construction in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the time of commencement of construction of above said lines;
- (c) the name of the most long pending under construction projects;
- (d) the current status of Rewa to Singrauli line under Lalitpur Singrauli rail project;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the reasons for the delay; and
- (f) the plan proposed to complete this project expeditiously?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2722 BY DR. RAJESH MISHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING PENDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MADHYA PRADESH

(a) to (f): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise/Region-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.

As on 01.04.2024, 28 Railway projects (08 new lines, 02 gauge conversion and 18 doubling), costing ₹ 81,797 crore for 5,345 km length, falling fully/partly in Madhya Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,952 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 36,898 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:

- 08 New Line Projects covering total length of 1,962 km at a cost of ₹ 38,643 crore, out of which 468 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 11,091 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- 02 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 809 km at a cost of ₹ 9,297 crore, out of which 380 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5,220 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.
- 18 Doubling Projects covering total length of 2,574 km at a cost of ₹ 33,857 crore, out of which 1,104 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 20,587 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

The details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure, project-wise and Zonal Railway wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects falling fully/partly in State of Madhya Pradesh. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning, falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh are as under:-

Budget allocation:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹ 632 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹ 13,607 crore	21.5 times
2024-25	₹ 14,738 crore	23 times

Commissioning:

Period	Average Commissioning	Increase w.r.t. commissioning in 2009-14
2009-14	145 Km (29 km/year)	-
2014-24	2249 Km. (224.9 km/year)	More than 7.5 times

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government. State Government assesses the compensation amount and advises to Railway. On

receipt of demand from State Government, Railway deposits compensation amount with concerned District Land acquisition Authority.

Rewa – Singrauli section is a part of Lalitpur – Singrauli new line (541 Km) project in which Rewa to Govindgarh section has been commissioned and work has been taken up in remaining sections where land is available. During 2024-25, ₹ 850 Cr. has been allocated to this project.

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.

Various steps have been taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects. These includes:- (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units; (ii) prioritisation of projects; (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects; (iv) delegation of powers at field level; (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
