

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN VASAI TO DIVA, MUMBAI

384 SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to lay a new railway line between Vasai to Diva under Mumbai division and if so, the current status of the said work;**
- (b) the time taken to complete the said work; and**
- (c) the details of hurdles to speed up the work?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 384 BY SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN VASAI TO DIVA, MUMBAI

(a) to (c) Vasai to Diva is already an existing double broad gauge line section. Construction of Western DFC on parallel alignment is also in progress. Further, construction of Vasai bye pass line (Double line) between Naigaon and Juchandra (5.73 Km) has been sanctioned. Further extension of these corridors for future demands on suburban corridors is a continuous process. Moreover, Panvel-Virar new suburban corridor is also taken under consideration at a cost of ₹ 7,184 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis with Govt. of Maharashtra as a part of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP).

To avoid congestions on suburban corridors and to meet the future demands, following 10 projects have also been sanctioned:

| S.No. | Name of project | Cost (₹ in crore) |
|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | 5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km) | 891 |
| 2 | 6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km) | 919 |
| 3 | Panvel-Karjat Suburban corridor (29.6 km) | 2782 |
| 4 | Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) suburban corridor link (3.3 km) | 476 |
| 5 | Quadrupling of Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km) | 3587 |
| 6 | Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km) | 826 |

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| 7 | 5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km) | 2184 |
| 8 | 4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km) | 1759 |
| 9 | 3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km) | 1510 |
| 10 | Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban | 866 |

All these MUTP projects have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis 50:50 between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra Govt. was not providing requisite funds on time as per the commitment till March 2022-23, resulting in delay in completion of the projects. Government of Maharashtra has started funding for MUTP-IIIA projects from April 2023.

The completion of Railway project depends upon 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 due to climatic conditions, completion of Transmission Line Works by State Power Utilities, which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. Therefore, it is not feasible to fix timelines for completion of the project.
