GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1434 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

1434. SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of ongoing and pending railway projects in various railway zones in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released for the development of these projects particularly for the said State;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure timely completion of these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

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. 1434 BY SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, routes, missina links and alternate augmentation congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries. Members Parliament, of other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socioeconomic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

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. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Crore)
New Lines	187	20,199	2,855	1,60,022
Gauge Conversion	40	4,719	2,972	18,706
Doubling / Multitracking	261	19,570	6,218	1,13,742
Total	488	44,488	12,045	2,92,470

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

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects across Indian Railways is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year
2024-25	₹68,634 crore (about 6 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	7,599 Km	4.2 Km/day
2014-24	31,180 Km	8.54 Km/day (more than 2 times)

Uttar Pradesh

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh are covered under Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, East Central Railway and West Central Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

As on 01.04.2024, 68 Railway projects (16 New Line, 03 Gauge Conversion and 49 Doubling), of total length of 5,874 Km costing ₹92,001 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,313 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹28,366 crore has been incurred upto March' 2024. The status of work is summarized as under:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in crore)
New lines	16	1740	297	8672
Gauge Conversion	3	261	0	26
Doubling / Multitracking	49	3873	1016	19668
Total	68	5874	1313	28366

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,109 crore/year
2024-25	₹19,848 crore (More than 17 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under :-

Dorind	New Track	Average Commissioning of new	
Period	Commissioned	tracks	
2009-14	996 Km	199.2 Km/year	
2014-24	4,902 Km	490.2 Km/year (More than 2.4	
2014-24	4,902 Km	times)	

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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.

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include (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. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.
