GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1442 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

ONGOING PROJECTS IN JODHPUR DIVISION AND AJMER DIVISION

†1442 SHRI LUMBA RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Jodhpur Division and Ajmer Division of North Western Railway in Rajasthan, project-wise;
- (b) the total budget allocated, released and utilised so far for the development of Jodhpur Railway Division and Ajmer Railway Division of North Western Railway during the current financial year; and
- (c) the timeline set for completion of these projects and the currentstatus thereof?

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1442 BY SHRI LUMBA RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING ONGOING PROJECTS IN JODHPUR DIVISION AND AJMER DIVISION

(a) to (c): 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, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Jodhpur and Ajmer division of Rajasthan fall under jurisdiction of North Western Railway. Further, Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are covered under North Western Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

As on 01.04.2024, 32 Railway projects (15 New Lines, 05 Gauge Conversion and 12 Doubling), of total length of 4,191 Km costing ₹51,814 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan including Jodhpur division and Ajmer division are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,183 Km length has been ...2/- commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,785 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 Cr)
New Lines	15	1230	134	3593
Gauge Conversion	5	1252	759	5398
Doubling/ Multitracking	12	1709	290	5794
Total	32	4,191	1,183	14,785

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

Period	Outlay	
2009-14	₹682 crore/year	
2024-25	₹9,959 crore (Nearly 15 times)	

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

Period	New Track	Average commissioning of new tracks
	Commissioned	
2009-14	798 Km	159.6 Km/year
2014-24	3742 Km	374.2 Km/year (More than 2 times)

The completion of any Railway project 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.

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