

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1552
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

DOUBLING WORK OF KATNI TO CHOPAN RAILWAY LINE

†1552. DR. RAJESH MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific steps taken by the Government to ensure improvement in connectivity in aspiring districts through new railway line projects; and**
- (b) the details of the progress in the doubling work of Katni to Chopan railway line along with the likely date of completion thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1552 BY DR. RAJESH MISHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING DOUBLING WORK OF KATNI TO CHOPAN RAILWAY LINE

(a) and (b): 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. including connection to aspirational districts 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 (in Km) | Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km) | Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Cr) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| New Lines | 187 | 20199 | 2855 | 160022 |
| Gauge Conversion | 40 | 4719 | 2972 | 18706 |
| Doubling / Multitracking | 261 | 19570 | 6218 | 113742 |
| 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 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) |

The doubling of Katni-Singrauli (257 Km) has been sanctioned and 218 Km length of sections Katni to Beohari and Joba to Singrauli have been commissioned. An expenditure of approx. ₹2,407 crore has been incurred on the project upto March'2024. Balance stretch of

-:3:-

39Km between Beohari to Joba section is falling under Sanjay Tiger Reserve Area for which it has been decided to construct double line (Approx. 46 Km) on a diverted alignment bypassing Sanjay Tiger Reserve Area.

Singrauli - Chopan is already a double line section except Obra Dam - Paprakund section (6 Km). The work of doubling of Obra Dam - Paprakund section has been sanctioned.
