

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1572  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**RAIL SERVICE IN THE AREAS OF TOURISTS AND CULTURAL  
IMPORTANCE**

**†1572. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any project has been approved to connect places of tourist and cultural importance with rail facility in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any project has been sanctioned in this regard in Giridih Lok Sabha constituency of Jharkhand; and**
- (c) if so, the details 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. 1572 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING RAIL SERVICE IN THE AREAS OF TOURISTS AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE**

**(a) to (c): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/ Parliamentary constituency-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries/ Parliamentary constituency 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, tourist potential etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.**

**During the last 03 years i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and in current FY 2024-25, 192 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 7,697 Km costing approx. ₹1,44,039 Crore have been sanctioned across the country will inter-alia enhance connectivity to tourist and cultural places.**

**JHARKHAND**

**Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are covered by East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER) and South Eastern Railway (SER) Zone 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, 32 Railway projects (11 New Lines, 01 Gauge Conversions and 20 Doubling), of total length of 3,070 Km, costing ₹52,885 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand including Giridih are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 744 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,986 crore has been incurred upto March'24. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in cr.)
New lines	11	1069	156	3549
Gauge conversion	1	159	90	184
Doubling/ Multitracking	20	1842	497	12254
Total	32	3070	744	15986

These include Multitracking of Son Nagar-Andal (374 Km), Bypass line at Madhupur (7.40 Km) and Parasnath – Madhuban- Giridih New line (49 Km) falling fully/partly in Giridih.

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹457 crore/year
2024-25	₹7,302 crore (About 16 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	287 Km	57.4 Km/year
2014-24	1,218 Km	121.8 Km/year (More than 2 times)