GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1603 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE FROM KAILARAS TO SHEOPUR VIA SABALGARH

†1603 SHRI BHARAT SINGH KUSHWAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway lines constructed/under construction in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the status of the approval for works of new railway lines from Jhansi to Karera, Shivpuri to Pohari, Sheopur to Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan); and
- (c) the target set to complete the work of broad gauge railway line from Kailaras to Sheopur via Sabalgarh?

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. 1603 BY SHRI BHARAT SINGH KUSHWAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE FROM KAILARAS TO SHEOPUR VIA SABALGARH

(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.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh are covered under North Central Railway, West Central Railway, East Central Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway and South East Central 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, 28 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversion and 18 Doubling), of total length of 5,345 Km costing ₹81,797 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,952 Km

length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹36,898 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	8	1962	468	11091
Gauge Conversion	2	809	380	5220
Doubling / Multitracking	18	2574	1104	20587
Total	28	5,345	1,952	36,898

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹632 crore/year
2024-25	₹14,738 crore (More than 23 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	145 Km	29 Km/year
2014-24	2249 Km	224.9 Km/year (Nearly 8 times)

Survey for Jhansi – Shivpuri – Sheopur – Sawai Madhopur new line (375.41 Km) was completed but the project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projections.

Kailaras to Sheopur via Sabalgarh is part of Gwalior to Sheopurkalan Gauge Conversion project (187.53 Km). Gwalior to Kailaras section (63 Km) has been commissioned and a provision of ₹630 crore has been made in current financial year i.e. 2024-25 for the project.

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.
