

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 239
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

PM GATI SHAKTI SCHEME

†239. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the improvement made in the timely completion of infrastructure projects under the PM Gati Shakti Scheme of Railways;**
- (b) the manner in which cost of the projects has come down under the said scheme along with the names and details of the projects including the East Coast Rail Line etc.;**
- (c) the manner in which coordination between various Ministries is ensured through the said scheme; and**
- (d) whether any digital platform is being used under the said scheme, if so, the details thereof?**

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. 239 BY SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING PM GATI SHAKTI SCHEME

(a) to (d): 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.

The launch of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) in October, 2021, by Hon'ble Prime Minister, has brought transformative approach in planning and execution of infrastructural transportation projects. The NMP has brought in synergy between the infrastructural sectors such as railways, shipping, roadways, telecommunications, pipelines, etc. through collaboration amongst concerned Ministries/State Governments/Departments, thereby speeding up the clearances needed for the project completion as well as planning at a faster pace.

Indian Railways has imbibed the principles of Gati Shakti in its project planning process and now survey of all New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects are taken up under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal

connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services including connectivity to places of strategic importance, border areas, industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, villages etc. About 566 railway projects across Indian railways including East Coast railway zone have been mapped on the Gati Shakti GIS platform and more and more projects are further being mapped/planned on the platform. PM Gati Shakti Institutional mechanism is being extensively used for ground surveys, land records, alignment of route and has led to enhancement in the quality of preparation of Detailed Project Report and reduction in project cost.

To ensure better decision-making and coordination among various Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments, a three tier institutional mechanism of Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS), Network Planning Group (NPG) and Technical Support Unit (TSU) has been established, both at Central and State level. All big-ticket infrastructure project proposals in Government of India are being planned on PM Gatishakti NMP and evaluated by the Central level NPG and coordination is based on six pillars i.e Comprehensiveness, Prioritization, Optimization, Synchronization, Analytical, and Dynamic through regular meetings of Network Planning Group (NPG).

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As a result of comprehensive planning and better coordination among various stakeholders, the pace of laying / commissioning of new tracks has also increased as under:-

Period	New Tracks Commissioned	Annual Average new tracks commissioned
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day (more than 2 times)

During the last two years only i.e. 2022-23 and 2023-24, 10,552 km new tracks have been commissioned on Indian Railways.
