## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2733 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

# DHOLPUR-SARAMATHURA-KAROLI-GANGAPUR CITY RAILWAY PROJECT IN RAJASTHAN

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

- (a) the status of Dholpur-Saramathura-Karoli-Gangapur city railway project in Rajasthan;
- (b) the time by when the work on the said project started and the set timeline due for its completion;
- (c) the details of the work sanction order and DPR;
- (d) the details of the budget allocated for the said railway project;
- (e) the details of amount spent on the said project, the work completed and the remaining work, in terms of percentage;
- (f) the time by which the remaining work of the said project is likely to be completed;
- (g) the railway division under which the said project is being undertaken;
- (h) the reasons for delay in completion of the work;
- (i) the date on which the work on Dholpur to Badi and Saramathura to Taatpur railway line was started;

- (j) the time by which the work on the said line would be completed; and
- (k) the amount sanctioned for the said railway lines respectively and the amount spent for the same along with the details thereof?

### ANSWER

### MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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 are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,183 Km length has been 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 Commissioned	Average commissioning of new
		tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.6 Km/year
2014-24	3742 Km	374.2 Km/year (More than 2
		times)

The project of Dholpur-Sirmuttra Gauge Conversion/New Line with extension upto Gangapur City (144.6 Km) has been planned in two phases.

In first phase, the Gauge Conversion work of Dholpur-Bari-Mohari-Sirmuttra (69.10 Km) falling under Agra Division of North Central Railway, has been sanctioned in March 2022 at a cost of ₹746.83 crore. An amount of ₹158 crore has been spent so far in the project and further ₹100 crore has been allocated in FY 2024-25.

For the second phase, Final Location Survey (FLS) for Sirmuttra -Gangapur City New Line (75.50 Km) has been sanctioned. The work of Mohari - Tantpur (18 Km) Gauge Conversion is not a sanctioned project.

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.

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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