

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3747  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**NASHIK – PUNE HIGH SPEED RAILWAY LINE**

**3747. DR. BACCHAV SHOBHA DINESH:**

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

- (a) whether land has been acquired for the Nashik–Pune railway line and the routes finalised and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the action being taken by the Government for expediting the construction of the said Railway line which has been pending for many years; and**
- (c) the details of the time by which it is likely to be started and the target, if any, set for completion of the said Railway Line?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): Pune to Nashik is already connected on rail network via Pune - Kalyan - Nashik (265 Km) and via Pune - Daund - Ahmednagar - Manmad - Nashik (387 km).**

**To further improve this connectivity, doubling work of Daund – Manmad (248 Km) line is sanctioned. Out of total 248 km, 178 Km has**

**already been commissioned and work in balance section has been taken up.**

**Further, following Surveys have been sanctioned for preparation of DPR for improving the connectivity.**

- **New Double Line between Nashik – Sainagar Shirdi (82 Km)**
- **New Double Line between Pune - Ahmednagar (125 Km.)**
- **Doubling of Sainagar Shirdi-Puntamba (17 km)**

**For direct connection between Pune and Nashik, DPR was prepared by Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (MRIDC), a Joint Venture company of Government of Maharashtra (50%) and Ministry of Railways (50%). The proposed alignment in the DPR was passing through Narayangaon where National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), Pune has installed Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) Observatory. GMRT has users from 31 number of countries (till 28th Cycle) that uses its services for scientific observations. This alignment was not found acceptable due to adverse impact of proposed railway line on operation of the GMRT Observatory.**

**Therefore, now Railway has taken up the preparation of DPR for addressing the above issues. The project is not yet sanctioned.**

**Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.**