

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 375  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**BASTAR DIVISION OF CHHATTISGARH**

**†375. SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:**

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

**(a) the number of railway tracks laid and trains started in the country particularly in the Bastar Division of Chhattisgarh from 2014 till date, year-wise;**

**(b) the number of new rail projects proposed in the country particularly for the Bastar Division of Chhattisgarh from 2014 till date; and**

**(c) the number and details of the sanctioned projects out of the total projects and the budget allocated in this regard?**

**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. 375 BY SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING BASTAR DIVISION OF CHHATTISGARH**

**(a) to (c): The Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/ district wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries.**

**As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Chhattisgarh, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

**Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹11,527 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹68,634 crore</b>	<b>Nearly 6 times</b>

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**The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections across Indian Railways is given below:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>7,599 km</b>	<b>4.2 km/day</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>31,180 km</b>	<b>8.54 km/day</b>	<b>More than 2 times</b>

### **CHHATTISGARH**

**Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh are covered by East Coast Railway (ECoR) and South East Central Railway (SECR) Zone of Indian Railways.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 25 Projects (8 New Lines, 17 Doubling) of total length 2,731 Km, costing ₹37,018 crore falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 882 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,919 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Chhattisgarh is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹311 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹6,922 Cr.</b>	<b>About 22 times</b>

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**Moreover, Commissioning of sections (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh during 2009-14 and 2014-2024 is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>32 km</b>	<b>6.4 km/year</b>	
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>999 km</b>	<b>99.9 km/year</b>	<b>Around 16 times</b>

**During 2023-24, a total of 49 km of sections has been commissioned in Chhattisgarh.**

**During the last 10 years, 309 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 19,748 km, costing approx. ₹2.32 lakh crore have been sanctioned across the country which include 18 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length of 1,225 km, costing ₹10,182 crore falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh.**

**Dallirajhara- Rowghat-Jagdalpur rail line project (235 km) passing through Bastar district has been taken up in two phases, Dallirajhara- Rowghat (95 km) and Rowghat- Jagdalpur (140 km). In Phase-I i.e. Dallirajhara- Rowghat, 77 km (Dallirajhara – Taroki) has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,028 Crore has been incurred till 31.03.2024 on this project. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Phase II i.e. Rowghat- Jagdalpur (140 km), costing ₹3,513.11 Crore has been prepared.**

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**In addition, Surveys for the following New Line projects falling fully/partly in Bastar Division of Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned:**

**Dhamtari- Banskot- Kondagaon (183 Km), Gadchiroli-Bijapur-Bacheli (490 Km) and Kothagudem-Kirandul (180 Km)**

**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.**

**As Railway network straddles across state and district boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement across such boundaries. During the period 2014- 2015 to 2023-24, 1931 train services have been introduced in the country, which include the following services catering to the stations located in the Bastar area of Chhattisgarh:**

**(i) 18513/18514 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Express introduced w.e.f. 15.08.2018.**

**(ii) 78823/78816 Dallirajhara-Keoti DEMU introduced w.e.f. 15.07.2019.**

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**(iii) 08834/08833 Raipur-Antagarh DEMU introduced w.e.f. 08.07.2023.**

**Besides, the following services have also been extended to cater to the needs of the passengers:**

**(i) 78815/78818 Raipur-Durg DEMU extended to Gudum, further to Bhanupratappur, Keoti and Antagarh w.e.f. 01.02.2016, 15.04.2018, 30.05.2019 & 13.08.2022 respectively.**

**(ii) 07823/08816 Dallirajhara-Keoti DEMU to Antagarh w.e.f. 14.04.2023.**

**(iii) 08834/08833 Raipur-Antagarh DEMU to Tadoki w.e.f. 04.10.2023.**

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