

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3768
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**RAIL PROJECT OF TOURIST AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE AREAS IN
GUJARAT AND BIHAR**

**†3768. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI DHAVAL LAXMANBHAI PATEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state::

- (a) whether any project to connect areas of tourist and cultural importance in the country with rail facilities has been approved during the last three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any projects have been approved for places of tourist and cultural importance in Gujarat and Bihar particularly in Araria Lok Sabha Constituency in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/ Parliamentary constituency-wise as

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the Railway projects may span across State boundaries/ Parliamentary constituency 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, connectivity to tourist and cultural areas etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

During the last 03 years i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and in current FY 2024-25, 197 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 8,089 Km costing approx. Rs.1,51,922 Crore have been sanctioned across the country will inter-alia enhance connectivity to tourist and cultural places.

BIHAR

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

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During the last three years i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current FY 2024-25, total 16 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of a total length 951 Km, costing Rs.23,819 Crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been sanctioned.

As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing Rs.79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.26,983 crore has been incurred upto March' 2024. The summary is as under :-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (Rs. in cr.)
New lines	31	2712	464	13629
Gauge Conversion	2	348	288	1520
Doubling / Multitracking	22	2005	442	11834
Total	55	5,065	1,194	26,983

These projects include Jogbani-Biratnagar New Line (18 Km), Araria-Supaul New Line (96 Km), Araria-Galgalia New Line (111 Km) and Katihar- Jogbani-Barsoi-Radhikapur-Teznanayanpur Gauge Conversion (280 Km).

Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali & Saharsa-Forbesganj Gauge Conversion (206 Km) has also been commissioned in 2023-24.

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Moreover, surveys for Forbesganj (India)-Lakshampur New Line (18 km), Doubling of Araria-Thakurganj (111 km), Doubling of Katihar-Jogbani (108 km) have been recently sanctioned.

All above projects/surveys are falling fully/partly in Araria constituency area.

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs.1,132 crore/year
2024-25	Rs.10,033 crore (More than 8 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	318 Km	63.6 Km/Year
2014-24	1,669 Km	166.9 Km/Year (Nearly 3 times)

GUJARAT

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are covered by North Western (NW) Railway and Western Railway (WR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of

Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

During the last three years i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current FY 2024-25, total 29 projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of a total length 1,272 Km, costing Rs.17372 Crore falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat have been sanctioned.

As on 01.04.24, 42 projects (06 New Line, 22 Gauge Conversion and 14 Doubling) of total length 2,947 Km costing Rs.30,826 crore falling fully/partly in Gujarat are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 825 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.9,336 Crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (Rs. In cr.)
New lines	6	537	105	3332
Gauge Conversion	22	1634	671	4655
Doubling / Multitracking	14	776	50	1349
Total	42	2947	825	9336

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs.589 crore/year
2024-25	Rs.8,743 Cr. (More than 14 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	660 km	132 km/year
2014-24	2,244 km	224 km/year (Nearly 2 times)

Construction works on the flagship high speed bullet train project have gathered momentum in Gujarat. Now, 100% land acquisition has been completed. Construction of viaduct for 225 Km, out of about 352 Km section of this project falling in the State of Gujarat, has also been completed.

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) also passes through Gujarat. About 565 route km of Western DFC is situated in Gujarat, which is about 37% of overall route length of Western DFC. Full project length falling in the State of Gujarat has been commissioned.
