

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

STATUS OF RUNNING RAILWAY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing railway projects in the State of West Bengal;**
- (b) the latest status of running projects as on 31.10.2024; and**
- (c) the details of the the number of projects out of the running projects during the period 2004 to 2009 Railway Budget?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/District/Constituency-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District/Constituency boundaries.

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are covered under Eastern Railway (ER), South Eastern Railway (SER) 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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As on 01.04.2024, 43 projects (13 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversions and 26 Doubling), of total length of 4479 Km, costing ₹60,168 crore falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal including those which are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1655 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,434 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2024 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	13	1087	322	9774
Gauge Conversion	4	1201	854	3663
Doubling/Multi-tracking	26	2192	479	6997
Total	43	4479	1655	20434

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs. 4,380 Cr./year
2024-25	Rs. 13,941 Cr. (More than 3 times)

Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal is held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in West Bengal is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in West Bengal	3040 Ha
Land Acquired	640 Ha (21%)
Balance Land to be acquired	2400 Ha (79%)

Details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

S N	Name of the project	Total land require d (in Ha)	Land acquire d (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1	Nabadwipghat-Nabadwipdham New Line (10 Km)	106.86	0.17	106.69
2	Chandaneshwar-Jaleswar new line (41 Km)	158	0	158
3	Naihati-Ranaghat-3rd line (36 Km)	87.83	0.09	87.74
4	Balurghat-Hilli new line (30 km)	156.38	67.38	88.00
5	Byepass at Sainthia (5 Km) & Sitarampur (7 Km)	22.28	2.22	20.06

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.
