

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 389  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN GUJARAT**

**†389. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:**

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

- (a) the present status of the works related to laying of new railway lines, doubling and electrification of existing railway lines and their gauge conversion across the country including Gujarat during the last three years and current year;**
- (b) the project-wise details of the estimated cost and the funds allocated and spent;**
- (c) whether the Railways has set any target for completion of the said projects; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 389 BY SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN GUJARAT**

**(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Gujarat, 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>                                |

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

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| <b>Period</b>  | <b>Total Length Commissioned</b> | <b>Average Length Commissioned</b> | <b>Increase average commissioning during 2009-14 w.r.t. during</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>   |

**In 2023-24, 5,309 km sections have been commissioned across Indian Railways.**

**Regarding Electrification, 64,285 Route km Broad Gauge (BG) network (97%) on Indian Railways (IR) has been electrified so far which includes and 3,933 km in Gujarat. During the last 3 years and current year, 21,145 Route km has been electrified which includes 2024 Route km in Gujarat.**

## **GUJARAT**

**Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Gujarat are covered by North Western (NW) Railway and Western Railway (WR) Zone of Indian Railways.**

**As on 01.04.24, 42 projects (06 New Line, 22 Gauge Conversion and 14 Doubling) of total length 2948 Km costing ₹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 ₹9,335 Crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

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**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Gujarat 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>₹589 crore/year</b> | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>2024-25</b> | <b>₹ 8,743 Cr.</b>     | <b>About 14.84 times</b>                             |

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

| <b>Period</b>  | <b>Total Commissioning</b> | <b>Average Commissioning</b> | <b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b> |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>2009-14</b> | <b>660 km</b>              | <b>132 km/year</b>           | <b>-</b>  |
| <b>2014-24</b> | <b>2,244 km</b>            | <b>224 km/year</b>           | <b>1.69 times</b>   |

**During financial year 2023-24, total 567 km has been commissioned in Gujarat.**

**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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).**

**Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) 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.**

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