

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 402  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**NEW AND PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY  
PARTICULARLY IN BIHAR**

**†402. SHRI DEVESH CHANDRA THAKUR:**

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

**(a) the details of new and pending rail projects in the country including Bihar;**

**(b) whether the progress of these projects is as per schedule and if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(c) the steps taken by the Government to complete the said projects with in time limit?**

**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. 402 BY SHRI DEVESH CHANDRA THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING NEW AND PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY PARTICULARLY IN BIHAR**

**(a) to (c): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise on the basis of remunerativeness, 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 etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.**

**As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Bihar, 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. The summary is as under:-**

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<b>Category</b>	<b>No of Projects</b>	<b>Total Length NL/GC/DL (in km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km)</b>	<b>Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Crore)</b>
<b>New lines</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>20,199</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>1,60,022</b>
<b>Gauge conversion</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>18,706</b>
<b>Doubling/ Multitracking</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>19,570</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>1,13,742</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>44,488</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>2,92,470</b>

**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 details of outlay for infrastructure projects across Indian Railways is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹11,527 crore/year</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹68,634 crore (about 6 times)</b>

**The details of commissioning/ laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>7,599 km</b>	<b>4.2 km/day</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>31,180 km</b>	<b>8.54 km/day (more than 2 times)</b>

**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.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing ₹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 ₹26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (in Km)</b>	<b>Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in cr.)</b>
<b>New Line</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>13629</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1520</b>
<b>Doubling/ Multitracking</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>11834</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>26,983</b>

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

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹1,132 crore/year</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹10,033 crore/year (More than 8 times)</b>

**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:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>318 Km</b>	<b>63.6 Km/Year</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>1,669 Km</b>	<b>166.9 Km/Year (Nearly 2.62 times)</b>

**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).**

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**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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