

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 407  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW RAIL PROJECT IN MAHARASHTRA AND  
MADHYA PRADESH**

**†407. SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:  
SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:  
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:**

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

- (a) the details of new rail projects announced in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last five years;**
- (b) the number of projects started so far and the projects which are lagging behind their schedule and the budgetary allocation made for these projects particularly in Sambhaji District of Maharashtra, the details thereof, zone-wise;**
- (c) the time by when said projects are likely to be completed along with the schedule thereof;**
- (d) the status of projects not started and the time by when they are likely to be started; and**
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to complete the said projects as soon as possible and to prevent cost escalation in future, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 407 BY SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM, SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR AND SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW RAIL PROJECT IN MAHARASHTRA AND MADHYA PRADESH**

**(a) to (e): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not Division wise/District wise/State wise as Railway projects may span across Division/District/State boundaries.**

**As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, 488 (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,888 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.**

**MAHARASHTRA**

**As on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 2 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 km costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully partly in the State of Maharashtra including Sambhaji district are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 1,926 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,236 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include-**

**(i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹38,423 crore, out of which 166 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,529 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

- (ii) **2 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 609 Km costing ₹7339 crore, out of which 312 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- (iii) **23 Doubling projects total length of 3,251 km {including Aurangabad – Ankai Doubling project (98 km)}, costing ₹35,818 crore, out of which 1,448 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,376 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Maharashtra is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹1,171 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹13,539 crore</b>	<b>11.56 times</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹15,940 crore</b>	<b>13.6 times</b>

**Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>292 Km</b>	<b>58.4 km/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>1830 Km</b>	<b>183 km/year</b>	<b>3.13 times</b>

**In 2023-24, total 356 Km have been commissioned which is more than 6 times as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14.**

**MADHYA PRADESH**

**As on 01.04.2024, 28 Railway projects (08 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 18 Doubling), costing ₹81,797 crore for 5,345 Km length, falling fully partly in Madhya Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which, 1,952 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹36,898 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include-**

- 08 New Line projects covering total length of 1,962 km at a cost of ₹38,643 crore, out of which 468 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,091 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- 2 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 809 Km at a cost of ₹9,297 crore, out of which 380 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,220 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- 18 Doubling projects covering total length of 2,574 km at a cost of ₹33,857 crore, out of which 1,104 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹20,587 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

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Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects falling fully/partly in State of Madhya Pradesh. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning, falling fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh are as under:-

**Budget allocation:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹ 632 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹ 13,607 crore</b>	<b>21.5 times</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹ 14,738 crore</b>	<b>23 times</b>

**Commissioning:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Commissioning</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. commissioning in 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>145 Km (29 km/year)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>2249 Km (224.9 Km/year)</b>	<b>More than 7.5 times</b>

Sanctioning of Railway projects is continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railways. Railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, connecting to unconnected towns and cities, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

**The details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure, project-wise and Zonal Railway wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, 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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time 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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