

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

NO RAILWAY NETWORK IN SIROHI (RAJASTHAN)

†458 SHRI LUMBA RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a. whether the Government is aware that Sirohi parliamentary constituency is not connected with railways even after seventy six years of independence and development is not taking place due to lack of railways network in the district and if so, the details thereof; and**
- b. whether the Government proposes to connect all the aspirational districts of the country including Sirohi headquarter with railways on priority basis and if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458 BY SHRI LUMBA RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING NO RAILWAY NETWORK IN SIROHI (RAJASTHAN)

(a) & (b): 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. Sanction of New Railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network including aspirational districts is a continuous and an ongoing process of Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Sirohi district of Rajasthan, 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. These projects will provide connectivity to unconnected areas with Railway network including aspirational districts.

Rajasthan

Railway projects in Rajasthan are covered by Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Western Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of Railway projects, including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

As on 01.04.2024, 32 Railway infrastructure projects (15 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 12 doubling), costing ₹ 51814 crore for 4191 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1183 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 14786 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. The summary is as under :

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto March 2024 (₹ in cr.)
New lines	15	1230	134	3593
Gauge conversion	5	1252	759	5398
Doubling/ Multitracking	12	1709	290	5794
TOTAL	32	4,191	1,183	14,785

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and other works, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹ 682 Cr./Yr
2023-24	₹ 9532 Cr. (Nearly 14 times)
2024-25	₹ 9959 Cr. (Nearly 15 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.6 km/year
2014-24	3742 Km	374.2 km/year (More than 2 times)

Further, survey of total 55 projects (23 new line and 32 doubling) of total length 4,944 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned during last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year 2024-25).

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.

Sirohi district is already connected to the Indian Railways network. Some of the projects passing through Sirohi district are as under:

- 1. To improve the mobility and cater to the growing traffic demand, the work of doubling between Luni – Samdari – Bhildi (272 Km) section costing ₹ 3085.59 crore has been sanctioned in 2023-24.**
- 2. Double line Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) passes through Sirohi district.**
- 3. Taranga Hill – Ambaji – Abu road new line project (116.65 Km) has been sanctioned at cost of ₹ 2798.16 crore in 2022. An expenditure of ₹ 798 cr has incurred till October'24.**
