

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

LAND ACQUISITION FOR KALYAN – MURBAD LINE

†2210. SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The time by which the Government is likely to provide Rs. 1600 crore for land acquisition for Kalyan to Murbad new railway project in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra approved in the year 2023;**
- (b) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether there is any plan to conduct a survey for EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) local train connectivity at Bhiwandi Road Railway Station and start regular local rail service and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the work on both the projects-Kalyan to Kasara third line and Kalyan - Asagaon fourth line is progressing at a slow pace; and**
- (e) if so, the steps being taken/likely to be taken to expedite the work on the said project and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Kalyan - Murbad (28 Km.) new line project has been sanctioned in February, 2023 at a cost of ₹836.12 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis with

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Government of Maharashtra. The project requires land acquisition of 214 Ha. It has been declared as Special Railway Project for Land acquisition and process for the same has been initiated accordingly. Land acquisition proposal have been submitted to state government and it is in various stages of acquisition. Railway acquires land through state government. Rate for land is fixed by state government authorities. The amount so fixed is deposited by Railways with concerned state government authorities, who then distribute the compensation to the affected parties.

Bhiwandi Road is presently being served by 25 pairs of regular train services which include 17 pairs of Mail/Express services and 8 pair of passenger services. Besides, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.

The work of Kalyan – Kasara 3rd line involves diversion of 16.68 Ha forest land. In principal Stage - I clearance and working permission has been obtained recently. All the tenders for Kalyan - Kasara 3rd line have been awarded and the work taken up.

Kalyan - Asangaon 4th line has been declared as special Railway Project. Accordingly, land acquisition has been taken up.

Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. However, As on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway projects (16 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 Km, costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, are at various stages of planning

and implementation, out of which 1,926 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,237 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

The status of work is summarized as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March, 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New Lines	16	2,017	166	8,529
Gauge Conversion	2	609	312	3,332
Doubling/ Multitracking	23	3,251	1,448	19,376
Total	41	5,877	1,926	31,237

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in Maharashtra is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year
2024-25	₹15,940 crore (more than 13 times)

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

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 Km/year
2014-24	1,830 Km	183 Km/year (more than 3 times)

Further, Construction works on the flagship High speed bullet train project have gathered momentum in Maharashtra. Now 100% land acquisition has been completed. Works of bridges, aqueducts etc. have been taken up. Orders for 3 TBMs to carry out about 21 Km tunneling under sea have also been placed. Meanwhile, all preparatory works required for the working of TBMs such as construction of shafts etc. have also been taken up.

Western DFC also passes through Maharashtra. About 178 route Km of western DFC is situated in Maharashtra which is about 12% of overall route length of western DFC. 76 Km of this project from New Gholvad to New Vaitarna in Maharashtra has already been commissioned. Balance works have been taken up. Connectivity of WDFC to JNPT will boost the capacity to handle cargo and container traffic from port to Delhi NCR.
