

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINE

†2292. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for the expansion of new railway lines and introduction of new trains in Uttarakhand;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the project-wise details of the total amount allocated to Uttarakhand for new railway projects during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) : Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railway' projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, 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.

New Lines projects falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand are covered under Northern Railway (NR) and North Eastern Railway (NER) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

During the last three years i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and the current FY 2024-25, 05 surveys (03 New Line and 02 Doubling) of a total length of 319 km have been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the state of Uttarakhand.

As on 01.04.2024, 03 New Line Railway projects of total length of 216 Km costing ₹25,941 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 06 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,777 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

The status of work is summarized as under:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹in Cr)
New Lines	03	216	06	15777
Total	03	216	06	15777

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 Uttarakhand is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs. 187 Cr./Yr
2024-25	Rs. 5131 Cr. (More than 27 times)

As the Railway network straddles across state boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, to cater to the needs of passengers of stations located in the State of Uttarakhand, 14 new trains including 22545/46 Lucknow-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express and 22457/58 Anand Vihar (T)-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express have been introduced, on originating/terminating basis, during 2023-24 to 2024-2025 (upto February, 2025).

Besides, introduction of new trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
