

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

NASHIK – PUNE RAILWAY LINE

3176. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for a Nashik-Pune railway line has been received by the Ministry of Railways;**
- (b) if so, the technical and financial details of this project proposal in terms of route, stations en-route, length, maximum permissible speed for the rolling stock, other technical details, cost of the project indicating the financial viability of the project;**
- (c) the details of the receipt of this project proposal by the Government;**
- (d) whether the State Government has given any commitment of paying any share in the said project, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the said proposal has been approved by the Government in view of the demand of passengers between the two cities?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (e): Pune to Nashik is already connected on rail network via Pune - Kalyan - Nashik (265 Km) and via Pune - Daund - Ahmednagar - Manmad - Nashik (387 km).**

To further improve this connectivity, doubling work of Daund – Manmad (248 Km) line is sanctioned. Out of total 248 km, 178 Km has already been commissioned and work in balance section has been taken up.

Further, following Surveys have been sanctioned for preparation of DPR for improving the connectivity.

- New Double Line between Nashik – Sainagar Shirdi (82 Km)**
- New Double Line between Pune - Ahmednagar (125 Km.)**
- Doubling of Sainagar Shirdi-Puntamba (17 km)**

For direct connection between Pune and Nashik, DPR was prepared by Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (MRIDC), a Joint Venture company of Government of Maharashtra (50%) and Ministry of Railways (50%). The proposed alignment in the DPR was passing through Narayangaon where National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), Pune has installed Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) Observatory. GMRT has users from 31 number of countries (till 28th Cycle) that uses its services for scientific observations. This alignment was not found acceptable due to adverse impact of proposed railway line on operation of the GMRT Observatory.

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