

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

RAILWAY LINE UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GATI SHAKTI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway line projects identified/launched under the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti, the National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity for implementation in the country, particularly in Maharashtra and in its Sambhajinagar district;**
- (b) the details of the routes identified for transportation of commodities like agricultural produce, fertilizers, coal, iron ore steel, cement, limestone etc.; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide connectivity for faster development of the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(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,

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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.

The launch of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) has brought transformative approach in planning and execution of infrastructural transportation projects. The NMP, spanning across the entire country has brought in synergy between the infrastructure sectors such as railways, shipping, roadways, telecommunications, pipelines, etc. through collaboration amongst concerned Ministries/State Governments/Departments, thereby bringing in vast improvement in transportation efficiency, supply chain management, enhancing connectivity affecting local economies, speeding up the clearances needed for the project completion as well as planning at a faster pace.

Indian Railways has imbibed the principles of Gati Shakti in its project planning process and now survey of all New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects are taken up under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods/ commodities i.e. agricultural products, fertilizers, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, limestone etc. and services including connectivity to places of strategic importance, border areas, industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, villages etc.

Railway projects across Indian Railways including Maharashtra are mapped on the Gati Shakti GIS platform. PM Gati Shakti Institutional mechanism is being extensively used for ground surveys, land records, alignment of route and has led to enhancement in the quality of preparation of Detailed Project Report and project planning across the country including Maharashtra.

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As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways, 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. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	187	20199	2855	160022
Gauge Conversion	40	4719	2972	18706
Doubling / Multitracking	261	19570	6218	113742
Total	488	44,488	12,045	2,92,470

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects across Indian Railways is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year
2025-26	₹68785 crore (about 6 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	7,599 Km	4.2 Km/day
2014-24	31,180 Km	8.54 Km/day (more than 2 times)

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Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

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
2025-26	₹23778 Crore (more than 20 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)

During the last three years and current year, 91 No. Surveys (New line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling/multi tracking) of total length 7,458 km falling fully/partly in the state of Maharashtra have been sanctioned which include:

- (i) Survey for Doubling between Aurangabad-Prabhani section (177 km)**
- (ii) New line surveys from Ahmednagar to Aurangabad (100 km)**
- (iii) Osmanabad-Beed-Aurangabad (240 km)**
- (iv) Aurangabad to Chalisgaon (93 km)**
- (v) Doubling of Aurangabad - Ankai (98 km)**

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) 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. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.