

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN JHARKHAND

4258. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing new railway line projects in Jharkhand;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated/sanctioned for development of these new lines;**
- (c) the details of the current status of new rail line connecting between Parasnath to Giridih via Madhuban;**
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/sanctioned to above said new rail line and reason for non-implementation of the above said project along with the expected timeline for completion of the same;**
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding a new rail line from Howrah to Gaya via Giridih by Vande Bharat Train; and**
- (f) whether the Government is working on connecting direct train access to Kolkata from Giridih, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (f) : Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as Railway projects may span across State

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boundaries. Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are covered under East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER) and South Eastern Railway (SER) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

As on 01.04.2024, 32 projects (11 New Lines, 01 Gauge Conversions and 20 Doubling), of total length of 3070 Km, costing ₹52,885 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 744 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,986 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2024(in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	11	1069	156	3549
Gauge Conversion	1	159	90	184
Doubling/Multi-tracking	20	1842	497	12254
Total	32	3070	744	15986

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹457 Cr./Yr
2025-26	₹7306 Cr. (approx. 16 times)

The details of commissioning/ laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand is as under:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	287 Km	57.4 Km
2014-24	1218 Km	121.8 Km (More than 2 times)

Parasnath-Madhuban-Giridih (49 Km) New Line was sanctioned in 2018-19 at an estimated cost of Rs. 971.52 crore on 50:50 cost sharing basis with State Government of Jharkhand. However, execution of this project could not be taken up as consent of Government of Jharkhand to share the cost of the project has not been received.

Howrah is already connected to Gaya via Madhupur, New Giridih, Koderma.

To facilitate the passengers of Giridih/New Giridih, 13513/13514 Asansol-Hatia Express and 14049/14050 Delhi-Godda Express have been introduced w.e.f 12.03.2024 and w.e.f 09.10.2024 respectively. These are providing connections for the Kolkata area from Madhupur. Passengers may also avail the services of 22303/22304 Howrah-Gaya Vande Bharat Express from Koderma. Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.
