

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4345
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY NEAR MUMBAI-PALGHAR DISTRICT

4345. DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to enhance railway connectivity in nearby Mumbai-Palghar district, especially in the rural and tribal areas, to facilitate easier commuting and economic growth, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the details of the status of the proposed railway projects in Palghar district, including the dedicated freight corridor and any new passenger railway lines?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Union Territory-wise/District-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/Union Territory/District 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 throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

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 ₹ 31,236 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	31,236

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 track
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 Km/year
2014-24	1,830 Km	183 Km/year (more than 3 times)

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)

Further, to improve the connectivity in Mumbai suburban area including that of Palghar, Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-II costing ₹8,087 crore, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-IIIA costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned to meet the future demands of passengers. These projects include following rail links in Mumbai Suburban Area:

SN	Name of project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km)	919
2	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km)	826
3	Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
4	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
5	Panvel-Karjat Suburban Corridor (29.6 km)	2782
6	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) Suburban Corridor link (3.3 km)	476
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866

In addition, construction of Vasai bye pass line (Double line) between Naigaon and Juchandra (5.73 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹175.99 Crores.

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km) also passes through Palghar District. Work from Vaitarna to Dadri (1404 Km) has been completed and work in 102 km section from Vaitarna to JNPT has been taken up.

Besides that, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (508 km) being executed passes through Palghar District and will have two stations i.e. Virar and Boisar in Palghar Distt.
