### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1762 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

### RAILWAY PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY INCLUDING RAJASTHAN

#### †1762. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various rail projects in the country including Rajasthan, Zone and project-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of the projects legging behind their prescribed time limit along with the reasons therefor, projectwise;
- (c) the extent to which cost of each pending project has increased; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to complete the above mentioned projects within prescribed or extended time limit?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Constituency 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 (including infrastructure gaps) 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, socioeconomic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

As on 01.04.2025, across Indian Railways, 431 Railway infrastructure projects (154 New Line, 33 Gauge Conversion and 244 Doubling) of total length 35,966 Km, costing approx. ₹6.75 lakh crore are sanctioned, out of which, 12,769 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.91 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'25 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Crore)
New Lines	154	16,142	3,036	1,45,318
Gauge Conversion	33	4,180	2,997	22,753
Doubling/ Multitracking	244	15,644	6,736	1,22,858
Total	431	35,966	12,769	2,90,929

The Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year
2025-26	₹68,785 crore (Nearly 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	
2014-25	34,428 Km	8.57 Km/day (more than 2 times)	

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are covered under North Western Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, West Central Railway and Western Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

#### **RAJASTHAN:-**

As on 01.04.2025, 28 Projects (13 New Lines, 5 Gauge Conversion and 10 Doubling) of a total length of 3409 km, costing ₹43,918 crore, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are sanctioned, out of which 1238 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,954 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The status of work is summarized as under:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	13	981	196	5769
Gauge Conversion	5	1252	788	6829
Doubling / Multitracking	10	1176	254	6357
Total	28	3409	1238	18954

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the state of Rajasthan is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹682 crore/year
2025-26	₹9,960 Cr. (More than 14 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:-

Period	New Track	Average Commissioning of new
Periou	Commissioned	tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.6 Km/year
2014-25	3815 Km	346.82 km per year(More than 2 times)

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are as under:

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S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Ajmer-Bangurgram Doubling (48 km)	375
2	Bangurgram-Guriya Patch Doubling (47 km)	395
3	Degana-Rai ka Bagh Doubling (146 km)	809
4	Bina-Kota Doubling (283 km)	2476
5	Nimach-Chittaurgarh Doubling (56 Km)	560
6	Dausa-Gangapur City Doubling (93 Km)	950
7	Phulera-Degana Doubling (108 km)	702
8	Churu-Ratangarh Doubling (43 Km)	423

## Some of the projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan which have been taken up are as under:

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in
		Crore)
1	Taranga Hill – Ambaji – Abu Road new line (117 Km)	2798
2	Nimach – Badi Sadri New line (46 Km)	495
3	Ringus – Khatushyamji New line (17Km)	254
4	Pushkar – Merta (Katyasani) New line (51 Km)	800
5	Ras-Merta City New line (56 Km)	947
6	Devgarh – Nathdwara Gauge Conversion (83 Km)	969
7	Ajmer-Chanderiya Doubling (178 Km)	1635
8	Luni-Samdari-Bhildi Doubling (272 Km)	3086
9	Churu – Sadulpur Doubling (58 Km)	469
10	Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur Doubling (131 Km)	1231

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).

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.

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