

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2954
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

PENDING/ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of pending and ongoing railway projects in the State of Punjab;**
- (b) whether these projects have undergone time and cost overruns;**
- (c) if so, the details of the original estimated cost, the period of completion, total estimated cost and the expenditure incurred thereon; and**
- (d) the time by when these projects is likely to be completed and made operational?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Punjab has increased significantly. The details are as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs. 225 crore/year
2025-26	Rs. 5421 Cr. (more than 24 times)

The details of commissioning / laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab during 2009-14 and 2014-25 are as below:-

Period	new Tracks Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	147 Km	29.4 km/year
2014-25	385 Km	35 km per year

As on 01.04.2025, 09 Projects (04 New line and 05 Doubling) of total length 714 km, costing Rs.21,926 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are sanctioned, out of which, 115 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 8079 crores has been incurred up to March 2025. The status of the work is summarized as:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Exp upto March 2025 (Rs. in cr.)
New Line	4	252	64	7359
Doubling	5	462	51	720
TOTAL	9	714	115	8079

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

#	Project	Total Length (Km)	Cost(in Cr)
1	Jakhal- Mansa Doubling	45	163
2	Ambala-Chandigarh Doubling	45	338
3	Mansa-Bhatinda Doubling	52	216
4	Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi Doubling	211	850
5	Rajpura-Bathinda Doubling	173	2,459

Further, some of the Projects falling fully/partly in Punjab which have been taken up are as under:

#	Project	Length (Km)	Cost(Cr)
1	Nangal Dam-Talwara new line	123	2,018
2	Bhanupalli-Beri new line	63	6,753
3	Ferozpur-Patti new line	26	300
4	Ludhiana-Kila Raipur Doubling	17	238
5	Ludhiana-Mullanpur Doubling	21	295
6	Alal-Himmatana Chord line	12	174

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Punjab. For instance, details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under: -

SN	Name of the project	Total land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1.	Firozpur-Patti new line	166	0	166
2.	Nangal Dam-Talwara New Line	278	189	89
3.	Alal-Himmatana Chord line	20	0	20

Firozpur-Patti New line (26 km) situated fully in Punjab is an important project near the international border. Land for project is to be handed over free of cost for this project by State Govt. of Punjab. Total 166 Ha land is to be acquired in the districts of Firozpur and Tarn Taran. Award for entire land has been published in Mar'23. However, disbursement of award has not been done by state govt. The project is yet to take off due to delay in land acquisition by the State Government.

Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/District boundaries. Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Punjab are covered by Northern Railway (NR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Some of the important surveys falling fully/partly in Punjab that have been taken up areas under:

#	Name of survey	Length (Km)
1	Baddi-Ghanauli new line	25
2	Sirhind-Morinda-Nangal Dam Doubling	103
3	Ambala Cantt-Jammu Tawi 3rd line	369
4	Gurdaspur-Mukerian new Line	30
5	Rajpura- Mohali new line	18

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 including connectivity to religious and tourist places etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State

Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 due to climatic conditions etc.
