GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2969 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025

ROBs AND RUBs IN CHHATTISGARH

2969. SMT. JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and Under Bridges (RUBs) announced across Chhattisgarh during the last three years, district and project-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of projects commenced and completed of these announced projects;
- (c) the number of projects currently pending along with the specific reasons for delay, if any and the revised timelines for their completion; and
- (d) the details of the specific plan/initiatives undertaken by the Government to provide additional railway infrastructure or services as a form of reciprocation and development for the people of Korba district considering the substantial revenue contributed by the Korba district to the railway department, primarily due to its numerous coal mines?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2025, 4,402 Nos. ROBs/RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of ₹ 1,00,860 Cr on Indian Railways including 112 Nos. Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) at the cost of ₹ 1,710 crore in the State of Chhattisgarh, which are at various stages of planning and execution. This includes 07 Nos. sanctioned works of ROBs/RUBs at the cost of ₹ 108 crore in Korba District.

Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railways. Such works are prioritised and taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

Nos. of ROBs/ RUBs constructed on Indian Railways during the period 2004-14 vis a vis 2014-25 (June'25) is as under:

Period	ROBs/ RUBs constructed
2004-14	4,148 Nos.
2014-25 (June'25)	13,426 Nos.

During 2022-25 (June'25), 65 Nos. ROBs/RUBs have been sanctioned in the State of Chhattisgarh, which are at various stages of planning and execution. Out of which, 04 Nos. RUBs have been completed and commissioned.

During 2014-25 (June'25), total 167 Nos. ROBs/RUBs have been completed including 52 Nos. ROBs/RUBs completed during last 03 years i.e. year 2022-25 (June'25).

Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/Division-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, 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, 26 projects(06 New Lines and 20 Doubling), covering total length of 1,931 Km length, costing ₹31,619 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Chhattisgarh, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1023 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,325 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The status of the work is summarized as:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March'25 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	6	609	184	6154
Doubling / Multitracking	20	1323	839	10171
Total	26	1931	1023	16325

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-2014	₹311 Cr/year
2025-2026	₹6925 Cr (More than 22 times)

The details of Commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under:

Period	Total Length	Average Length Commissioned	
	Commissioned		
2009-14	32 Km	6.4 Km/Year	
2014-25	1189 Km	108.1 Km/Year (more than 15 times)	

In last 5 years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 19 projects covering a

length of 676 kms costing ₹14,943 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned.

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

In last three years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 60 surveys (26 New Line and 34 Doubling) covering a total length of 5657 km has been taken up falling partly/fully in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh including Korba district which have been taken up are as under:

S.N	Name of Project	Total Cost
		(Cr)
1	Dallirajhara-Rowghat New Line (95 Km)	1627
2	Rowghat-Jagdalpur New Line (140 kms)	3513
3	Kharsia-Dharamjaygarh New Line (122 kms)	3438
4	Gevra Road-Pendra Road New Line (135 kms)	3724
5	Dharamjaigarh-Korba New Line (63 kms)	1686
6	Sardega-Bhalumunda New Line (37 kms)	1282
7	Kirandul-Jadgalpur Doubling (150 km)	1500
8	Jagdalpur-Koraput Doubling (107 kms)	1547
9	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur -4th line (206 kms)	2596
10	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd line (228 kms)	3545
11	Boridand- Ambikapur Doubling (80 kms)	1243
12	RajnandGaon - Dongargarh 4th Line (31 kms)	328
13	Bhatapara- Hathbandh 4th Line (16 kms)	177

Moreover to improve the further connectivity in the State of Chhattisgarh including Korba district following important surveys have been taken up:

SI NO.	Name of Project	Length (Km)
1	Sardega-Ambikapur New Line	218
2	Kothagudem-Kirandul New Line	180

3	Gadchiroli to Bacheli via Bijapur New Line	490
4	Ambikapur-Barwadih New Line	285
5	Baikunth-Urkura 4th Line	26
6	Pendra Road-Shahdol 4th Line	85
7	Dongargarh-Gondia 4th Line	73
8	Bilaspur-Pendra Road 3rd Line	103
9	Champa-Gevra Road 3rd& 4th Line	92

Completion of Railway project/s including ROBs/RUBs 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.

Presently, 13 Mail/Express services and 09 Passenger services are catering to the needs of passengers of Korba station. These are providing connectivity to various stations like Delhi, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Raipur, Visakhapatnam, Amritsar etc. Further, passengers of Korba may also avail train services from Champa (located near Korba) is well connected to major cities like Howrah, Pune, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bilaspur, Tatanagar, Ahmedabad, Puri, Jodhpur, etc.

Besides, Indian Railways constantly endeavours to provide additional services for providing/improving connectivity by introduction of new train services, extension and increase is frequency of existing services, which are an on-going processes subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
