GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.662 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS IN CHHATTISGARH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of places where the work related to doubling and electrification of railway tracks is being undertaken under the Raipur Railway division of Chhattisgarh at present;
- (b) whether a proposal doubling and electrification of railway track between Durg to Raoghat via Dallirajhara under the Raipur division of south eastern railway division is pending with the Railway Board;
- (c) if so, the time by when the work is likely to be started and if not, the time by when it is likely to be approved; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) 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, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website. However, the details of doubling and electrification in Raipur Division are as under:

In last 5 years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current financial year 2024-25, 14 projects covering a length of 206 kms costing ₹2683 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned.

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

Dallirajhara-Rowghat New Line (95 kms) - Dallirajhara to Taroki (77 kms) including electrification has been completed. Balance work from Taroki to Rowghat (18 kms) has been taken up. In continuation, Rowghat-Jagdalpur New Line (140 kms) has also been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.3513 crore.

The doubling projects are taken up based on the line capacity utilisation and traffic potential. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway and railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Following projects have been taken for multi-tracking along with electrification in Raipur Division:

SI.	Section	Kms	Cost
No.			(₹ in Cr)
1	Kharsia – Naya Raipur –	278	8,741.38
	Parmalkasa 5th and 6th line		
2	Raipur – Titlagarh Doubling	203	1477.65
3	4th line between Durg -	31	463.83
	Rajnandgaon		
4	4th line - Dadhapara-Belha	9.2	169.06
5	4th line - Belha-Dagori	6.5	86.59
6	Nipania-Bhatapra	14.4	170.49
7	4th line - Bhatapara-Hathband	8.8	177.03
8	4th line - Bhilai-Durg link cabin	2.8	55.51
9	4th line - Bhilai-Bhilainagar	8.8	177.34
10	ROR/Fly over between Dagori- Belha	8.18	156.03
11	Urkura-Raipur Store Depot (RSD) Doubling	3	35.98
12	4th line between Sarona-Bhilai	17.30	290.47
13	4th line between Durg Link Cabin - Durg	3	143.17

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.
