

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 669  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

**NEW RAILWAY LINE IN UTTARAKHAND**

**†669. SHRI AJAY BHATT:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a scheme to expand rail network in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of new railway lines in Uttarakhand;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to connect the 'Char Dham' (four holy shrine) of Uttarakhand with a railway line;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-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,**

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**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.**

**During the last three years i.e. FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current FY 2025-26, 892 surveys (267 New Line, 614 Doubling and 11 Gauge conversion) of a total length of 61,462 km have been sanctioned throughout the country.**

**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:-**

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

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

**The details of commissioning / laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>7,599 Km</b>	<b>4.2 Km/day</b>
<b>2014-25</b>	<b>34,428 Km</b>	<b>8.57 Km/day ( more than 2 times)</b>

**New Lines projects falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand are covered under Northern Railway (NR) and North Eastern Railway (NER) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.**

**During the last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current FY 2025-26, 03 surveys (02 New Line and 01 Doubling) of a total length of 146 km have been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the state of Uttarakhand.**

**As on 01.04.2025, 03 New Lines, covering total length of 216 Km costing ₹40,384 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand are sanctioned, out of which 16 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,898 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025.**

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**The status of work is summarized as under:-**

<b>Plan Head</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (in Km)</b>	<b>Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹ in crore)</b>
<b>New Lines</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19,898</b>

**Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Uttarakhand is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹187 Crore/year</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>₹4,641 Crore (nearly 25 times)</b>

**To improve connectivity to Uttarakhand, Deoband-Roorkee new line project (29 km) has been commissioned recently. Further, work has been taken up on Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new rail line project. It is 125 km long project which predominantly involves construction of tunnels. About 97 km tunneling out of 105 km in this project length has already been completed and works are in advance stage. This project will provide rail connectivity to Devprayag and Karnaprayag religious and tourist spots with Rishikesh and National Capital of India.**

**The Final Location Survey of Chardham Project- connectivity link to Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath with Indian Railways has been completed. The project has two alignments (i) Doiwala-Uttarkashi-Barkot which will serve Yamnotari and Gangotri shrines (ii) Karnaprayag- Saikot- Soneprayag- Joshimath will serve Kedarnath and Badrinath shrines.**

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**After firming up of Detailed Project Report, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.**

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