

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 55
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

NEW RAILWAY LINE IN RATLAM LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY

†*55. SMT. ANITA NAGARSINGH CHOUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is laying new railway lines in Ratlam Lok Sabha Constituency of Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the construction of the said new railway lines is currently progressing at a very slow pace;**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government has set a deadline for completion of the projects and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 55 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025

(a) to (e): To improve the connectivity in Ratlam area, following projects have been sanctioned :

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)	Length (in Km)	Completed so far	Remarks
1.	Dahod-Indore New Line	9,746	205 Km	57 Km	Balance Work is in progress.
2.	Nimach-Ratlam Doubling	1,096	133 Km	93 Km	Balance Work is in progress.
3.	Chhota Udepur-Dhar New Line	1,794	157 Km	72 Km	Balance Work is in progress.
4.	Ratlam-Nagda 3rd and 4th line	964	41 Km	Under Land acquisition	Recently Sanctioned
5.	Vadodara-Ratlam 3rd and 4th line	8,387	259 Km	Under Land acquisition	Recently Sanctioned
6.	Ratlam-Khandwa Gauge Conversion	7,265	299 Km	212 Km	Balance Work is in progress.

Madhya Pradesh

Railway projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh are covered under North Central Railway, West Central Railway, East

Central Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway and South East Central Railway zones of Indian Railways.

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹632 crore/year
2025-26	₹14,745 crore (More than 23 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	145 Km	29 Km/year
2014-25	2,651 Km	241 Km/year (More than 8 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 24 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversion and 14 Doubling), of total length of 4,740 Km costing ₹89,543 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned, out of which 2,092 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹41,401 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	8	1,914	544	15,069
Gauge Conversion	2	809	430	6,766
Doubling / Multitracking	14	2,017	1,118	19,566
Total	24	4,740	2,092	41,401

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1.	Guna- Etawah New Line (348 Km)	683
2.	Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion (300 Km)	2,005
3.	Chhindwara-Nagpur Gauge Conversion (150 Km)	1,512
4.	Chhindwara-Mandla Fort Gauge Conversion (182 Km)	1,268
5.	Ghat Pindari-Balkheda Doubling (6 Km)	29
6.	Guna-Ruthiyai Doubling (20 Km)	175
7.	Khodri – Anuppur Doubling (62 Km)	489
8.	Jukhei Chord line, Bye Passing the Katni Yard (2 Km)	12
9.	Sontalai-Bagratawa Doubling (7 Km)	110
10.	Itarsi-Budhni 3rd line (25 Km)	286
11.	Teegaon-Chichonda Ghat Section 3rd line (17 Km)	176
12.	Bhopal-Bina 3rd line (145 km)	1,075
13.	Barkhera-Bhopal 3rd line (41 km)	473
14.	Nagda-Ujjain Doubling of Gambhir Bridge (2 Km)	28
15.	Pendra Road-Anuppur 3rd line (50 Km)	394

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
16.	Bina-Kota Doubling (283 km)	2,477
17.	Nimach-Chittaurgarh Doubling (56 Km)	560
18.	Khodri-Anuppur Doubling with flyover at Bilaspur (72 Km)	792
19.	Budhni-Barkhera 3rd line (27 Km)	1,703
20.	Indore-Dewas-Ujjain Doubling (79 Km)	757
21.	Powerkheda-Jujharpur Single line flyover in UP direction (16 Km)	443
22.	Anuppur-Katni 3rd line (165 Km)	2,311
23.	Ramna-Singrauli doubling (160 Km)	2,436
24.	Karaila Road- Shaktinagar Doubling (32 Km)	763
25.	Malkhedi-Mahadeokhedi Doubling (12 Km)	59

Some of other projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh which have been taken up are as under:

S. No	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1.	Indore-Manmad New Line (360 Km)	18,529
2.	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal New Line (277 Km)	5,073
3.	Indore-Budni New Line (198 Km)	7,474
4.	Lalitpur-Satna, Rewa-Singrauli & Mahoba-Khajuraho New Line (541 Km)	8,914

S. No	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
5.	Nimach-Badi Sadri New Line (48 Km)	495
6.	Gwalior-Sheopurkalan Gauge Conversion with extension to Kota (284 Km)	2,913
7.	Itarsi- Nagpur 3rd line (280 Km)	2,450
8.	Jhansi-Bina 3rd line (153 Km)	2,002
9.	Mathura-Gwalior-Jhansi 3rd line (274 Km)	5,924
10.	Katni - Bina 3rd line (260 Km)	3,138
11.	Katni- Grade separator / Bypass (35 Km)	2,300
12.	Katni- Singrauli Doubling (257 Km)	4,377
13.	Satna-Rewa Doubling (50 Km)	590
14.	Shahdol-Singhpur 4th Line (6 Km)	54
15.	Bhusawal-Khandwa 3rd & 4th Line (131 Km)	3,285

In last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 61 surveys (18 New Line & 43 Doubling) covering a total length of 5,901 Km have been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**

- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**
- **Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,**
- **Railway's own operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition by State Government**
 - **Forest clearance**
 - **Shifting of infringing utilities**
 - **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
 - **Geological and topographical conditions of area**
 - **Law and order situation in the area of project 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.

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