

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2816  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

**TIMELY COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**2816. SMT. MALA ROY:  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of railway projects have been badly delayed beyond their stipulated date of completion in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in the State of Punjab;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any measures to ensure the timely completion of these railway projects and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of the number of railway projects which were announced in the Rail Budget during the period from 2009-11 and remained incomplete, State-wise and the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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**(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2025, across Indian Railways, 431 Railway**

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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. The summary is as under:-

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

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:-

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

### **Punjab**

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab has increased substantially. The details are as under:

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<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹225 crore/year</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>₹5,421 Cr. (More than 24 times)</b>

**As on 01.04.2025, 09 projects (04 new line and 05 doubling) of total length 714 Km, costing ₹21,926 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length</b>	<b>Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹ in Crore)</b>
<b>New line</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>252 Km</b>	<b>64 Km</b>	<b>7359</b>
<b>Doubling /multitracking</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>462 Km</b>	<b>51 Km</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>714 Km</b>	<b>115 Km</b>	<b>8,079</b>

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

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in Cr.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chakki Bank-Bharoli Doubling (3 Km)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Jakhal- Mansa Doubling (45 Km)</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Mirthal-Bhangala Beas River Doubling (2.5 Km)</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ambala-Dhapper-chandigarh Doubling (45 Km)</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Mansa – Bhatinda Doubling (49 Km)</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Amritsar to Chheharta Doubling (7 Km)</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi Doubling (209 km)</b>	<b>850</b>

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in Cr.)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Kathua-Madhopur Punjab - doubling across Ravi Bridge(2.5 Km)</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Rajpura-Bhatinda Doubling (173 Km)</b>	<b>2459</b>

**Some of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab which have been taken up are as under:**

<b>SN.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in Cr.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Nangal Dam-Talwara &amp; Taking over siding of Mukerian-Talwara New line (143 Km)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri New Line(63 Km)</b>	<b>6753</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Qadian-Beas New Line(40 km)</b>	<b>842</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ferozpur-Patti New Line (26 Km)</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Rama Mandi (Raman)-Maur Mandi (Maur) via Talwandi Sabo ( 29 km) New Line</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Ludhiana-Kila Raipur doubling (19 Km)</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Ludhiana-Mullanpur doubling (21 Km)</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Rajpura-Mohali New Line (18 km)</b>	<b>443</b>

**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: -**

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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	Alal-Himmatana Chord line	20	0	20
3	Qadian-Beas New Line	151	0	151
4	Rama Mandi( Raman)-Talwandi Sabo New Line	85	0	85

**Firozpur-Patti New line (26 km) situated fully in Punjab is an important project near the international border. Land for project was 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 Government considering delay in execution of this important border area project, Ministry of Railways has decided to take up Firozpur-Patti New line (26 km) through its own funding.**

**Sanction of any railway project depend 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**

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- **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.**

**Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include:**

- **Substantial increase in allocation of funds.**
- **Delegation of powers at field level.**
- **Close monitoring of progress of project at various levels.**
- **Regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.**