

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.489  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

**NEW RAILWAY LINES IN BILASPUR DIVISION**

**†489. SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:**

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

- (a) the current status of the Final Location Surveys conducted for new railway lines by the South East Central Railway, Bilaspur Division during the last two years and the current year including the details thereof, year-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways had fixed any targets for laying new railway lines during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which these targets have been achieved; and**
- (c) the steps being taken by the Railways for the approval of the surveyed railway lines passing through Ambikapur?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) To improve the connectivity from Ambikapur, following surveys/works have been sanctioned:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Km</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Boridand- Ambikapur (Surajpur) doubling</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Work taken up.</b>

<b>2</b>	<b>Ambikapur-Ramanujganj-Barwadih new line and spur from Ramanujganj to Garhwa Road</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>Detailed Project Report has been prepared</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sardega – Pathalgaon-Ambikapur new line</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>Detailed Project Report has been prepared</b>

## **CHHATTISGARH**

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

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

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

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

**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 sanctioned, 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:

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

In last 3 years i.e.(2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current Financial Year i.e.2025-26), 26 surveys of new railway line covering a length of 3901 km in the South East Central Railway including Ambikapur have been sanctioned.

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**
  - **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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