

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 665
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

MOHALI – RAJPURA RAILWAY PROJECT

665. DR. RAJ KUMAR CHABBEWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has started land acquisition for the Mohali-Rajpura railway line in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for completion of the project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and**
- (c) the details of the benefits likely to be accrued to the people of Punjab through the operationalisation of this railway project in the country?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c): Rajpura – Mohali new line project (18.11 Km) has been sanctioned recently at a cost of Rs. 443.29 crore. The process of land acquisition has already been initiated. The project has been declared as special Railway Project. Competent Authority for land Acquisition (CALA) has also been nominated in November 2025.

This project will directly connect Southern Punjab (Bathinda area), between Sirhind – Gobindgarh and Rajpura area to Chandigarh avoiding Ambala.

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab is as under:

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

Fund allocation has increased manifold. However, pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab is held up due to delay in land acquisition. Support of the Government of Punjab is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

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: -

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

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 govt. 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.

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.
