

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

BHANUPLI – BILASPUR – MANALI -LEH RAILWAY PROJECT

673. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Bhanupli–Bilaspur–Manali–Leh railway line and Nangal-Una-Talwara Railway line along with details of works completed and under progress, Section-wise;**
- (b) whether the timelines for completion have been revised and if so, the details and reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of the sanctioned cost, funds released, expenditure incurred so far and anticipated cost overruns, if any;**
- (d) the details of the land acquisition position including total land required/land acquired along with the reasons for pendency;**
- (e) whether statutory clearances such as environmental/forest/defence are pending and if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for their disposal;**
- (f) whether any problems have arisen from the State Governments of Punjab and Himachal relating to land/compensation/alignment/cooperation and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Union Government to remediate them; and**
- (g) the details of the major terrain/technical challenges being faced by the Railway along with measures proposed to address them?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri (63km) New Rail Line project has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Govt..

In this project, 82 Ha land out of total required 124.02 Ha land in Himachal Pradesh has been acquired. The work on available land has been taken up. So far, an expenditure of ₹5252 crore has been incurred on this Project. ₹1843 crore is outstanding with Government of Himachal Pradesh. Failure to make this contribution is adversely affecting the project.

The progress of this project is also affected due to non fulfillment of commitments by State Govt. The support of State Govt is required to expedite the Project.

The Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Bilaspur-Manali-Leh New is identified as strategic line by Ministry of Defence. Survey of Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line project (489 km) has been completed and Detailed Project Report has been prepared. Anticipated cost of the project as per Detailed Project Report is ₹1,31,000 crore.

Nangal Dam - Una - Andaura - Daulatpur Chowk (60 km) section of Nangal Dam - Talwara - Mukerian New line project has been completed and opened for traffic since January, 2019. Work of Daulatpur Chowk - Kartoli Punjab - Talwara (52 km) section falling fully/partly in State of Punjab have been taken up. An expenditure of Rs. 2568 crore has been incurred so far.

Himachal Pradesh

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹108 crore/year
2025-26	₹ 2716 Cr. (More than 25 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	-	-
2014-25	16 km	1.5 km per year

As on 01.04.2025, 03 New line of total length 214 km, costing ₹17622 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Himachal Pradesh are in construction stage, out of which, 64 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8280 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The status of work is summarized as under:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹in Cr)
New Lines	3	214	64	8280

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

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Nangal Dam Daulat Pur Chowk New Line (61 Km)	672

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

SN.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Chandigarh-Baddi New Line (28 Km)	1540
2	Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri New Line(63 Km)	6753

Punjab

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)

As on 01.04.2025, 09 projects (04 new line and 05 doubling) of total length 714 Km, costing Rs.21,926 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 115 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.8,079 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:-

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

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

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Chakki Bank-Bharoli Doubling (3 Km)	15
2	Jakhal- Mansa Doubling (45 Km)	163
3	Mirthal-Bhangala Beas River Doubling (2.5 Km)	74.17
4	Ambala-Dhapper-chandigarh Doubling (45 Km)	338.54
5	Mansa – Bhatinda Doubling (49 Km)	216
6	Amritsar to Chheharta Doubling (7 Km)	30.91
7	Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi Doubling (209 km)	850
8	Kathua-Madhopur Punjab - doubling across Ravi Bridge(2.5 Km)	257.16
9	Rajpura-Bhatinda Doubling (173 Km)	2458.99

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

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

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
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 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.

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**
- **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.
