

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2037
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN UTTARAKHAND

**†2037. SHRI ANIL BALUNI:
SHRI AJAY BHATT:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rail projects currently under process in Uttarakhand including the status of each projects till date;**
- (b) whether any of the project is lagging behind the prescribed timeline;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the Rishikesh-Karanaprayag railway line and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the current status of the said railway line along with the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (e): Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Uttarakhand is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	Rs 187 Crore/year
2025-26	Rs 4,641 Crore (nearly 25 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 03 New Lines, covering total length of 216 Km costing Rs 40,384 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand are sanctioned, out of which 16 Km length has been commissioned and an

expenditure of Rs 19,898 crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summarized details are as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2025 (Rs in crore)
New Lines	03	216	16	19,898

To provide rail connectivity to Chardham, Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new rail line project (125 km) has been sanctioned.

The project alignment passes through Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudrapryag and Chamoli Districts of Uttarakhand and will provide rail connectivity to Devprayag and Karnaprayag religious and tourist spots with Rishikesh and National Capital of India.

The alignment of the project predominantly passes through tunnels. The project involves construction of 16 Main line tunnels of 104 km length and 12 Escape tunnels of about 98 km length. So far, Main line tunnels of 99 km length and 09 Escape Tunnels of over 94 km length have been completed.

To increase progress of works, 08 Adits in various tunnels were also identified. These adits created additional work faces of tunnel excavation expediting early completion of long tunnels. Works of all 8 Adits (5 km) have also been completed.

The project also involves construction of 19 Important/Major Bridges. 8 out of 19 Important/Major Bridges have also been completed. Works in balance bridges have also been taken up.

Section wise progress of the project is as under:

S.N.	Name of Section	Status of Tunnels	Status of Major Bridges
1	Virbhadra- Yog Nagari Rishikesh (4.7 Km)	Already Completed and Commissioned.	
2	Yog Nagari Rishikesh- Shivpuri (13.4 Km)	Tunnel (10.8 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94 % excavation completed • Lining taken up 	There is 01 Major Bridge in this section, which has been completed
3	Shivpuri-Byasi (14.3 Km)	Tunnel (12.7 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01 out of 02 tunnels completed • Excavation of 2nd tunnel Completed • lining taken up 	There are 02 Major Bridge in this section. Both have been completed.
4	Byasi- Devprayag (15 Km)	Tunnel (13.3 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 out of 04 tunnels completed • 69% excavation of 4th tunnel Completed • lining taken up 	There are 04 Major Bridge in this section. All 4 bridges have been completed.
5	Devprayag- Janasu (14.8 Km)	Tunnel (14.6 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 	-
6	Janasu- Maletha (4.7 Km)	Tunnel (2.9 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 	There is 01 Major Bridge in this section, which has been completed

7	Maletha-Srinagar (5.2 Km)	Tunnel (4.1 km) • Completed	-
8	Srinagar-Dhari Devi (11.2 Km)	Tunnel (9.1 km) • Excavation completed • lining taken up	There are 03 Major Bridge in this section. 1 Bridge has been completed and work for other 2 Bridges have been taken up.
9	Dhari Devi-Tilani (Rudraprayag) (17.6 Km)	Tunnel (16.6 km) • Excavation completed • lining taken up	There is 01 Major Bridge in this section, which has been taken up.
10	Tilani (Rudraprayag)-Gholtir (7.6 Km)	Tunnel (6.6 km) • 79% Excavation completed	There are 02 Major Bridge in this section. Work for both the Bridges have been taken up.
11	Gholtir-Gauchar (7.8 Km)	Tunnel (7.1 km) • Excavation completed • lining taken up	-
12	Gauchar-Karnprayag (8.4 Km)	Tunnel (6.3 km) • Excavation completed • lining taken up	There are 03 Major Bridge in this section. Work for all 3 Bridges have been taken up.

To further extend the rail connectivity to Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath, survey has been completed. However, the project alignment lies near the main Central thrust of Himalayas which is highly seismically active.

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.
