

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3011
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

NEW/ONGOING/PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received proposals from States including Uttarakhand and if so, the details of proposals approved and pending so far along with the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the details of the action taken by the Government thereof;**
- (c) the details of the new/ongoing/pending railway projects in the country particularly in Rajasthan during the last three years including their present status/reasons for delay and the time since these projects are pending, State, zone and project-wise;**
- (d) the number of projects lagging behind their time schedule, the project-wise reasons for delays and the cost escalations under these projects;**
- (e) the details of the allocated funds for each project and expenditure incurred so far particularly Tamil Nadu including Arani Lok Sabha Constituency during the last three years and the current year;**
- (f) the number of the projects stalled/pending due to lack of funds;**
- (g) whether there has been significant increase in the expenditure of these projects, if so, the details thereof;**

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- (h) the expected timeline for the completion of these projects and their anticipated impact on improving railway infrastructure; and**
- (i) the details of the steps being taken to ensure timely execution and prevent delays in these projects?**

ANSWER
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(a) to (i): Railway projects are surveyed /sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise /District wise as the Railway projects may span across State/district boundaries.

Proposals/requests/suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. At various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

As on 01.04.2025, across Indian Railways, 431 Railway 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:-

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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	8.6 Km/day (more than 2 times)

During last 3 years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25) and current Financial Year 2025-26, 982 no. Surveys (295 New line, 13 Gauge Conversion and 674 Doubling) of total length 67,010 Km have been sanctioned across Indian Railways.

Uttarakhand:

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 (₹ 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.

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.

Rajasthan:

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹682 crore/year
2025-26	₹9,960 crore (Nearly 15 times)

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

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.60 Km/year
2014-25	3,815 Km	346.82 Km/year (More than 2 times)

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As on 01.04.2025, 28 Railway projects (13 New Lines, 05 Gauge Conversion and 10 Doubling), of total length of 3,409 Km costing ₹43,918 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	13	981	196	5769
Gauge Conversion	5	1252	788	6829
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1176	254	6357
Total	28	3,409	1,238	18,954

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Bangurgram-Ras New Line (28 km)	175
2	ThaiyatHamira-Sonu New Line (58 Km)	350
3	Suratpura- Sriganganagar Gauge Conversion (241 Km)	896
4	Sadulpur-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana Gauge Conversion (438 Km)	886

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Cost (₹ in crore)
5	Jaipur -Churu & Sikar-Loharu Gauge Conversion (320 Km)	1105
6	Bhagat ki Kothi-Luni Doubling (28 Km)	128
7	Rani-Keshav Ganj Doubling (59 Km)	290
8	Guriya-Marwar & Karjoda-Palanpur Doubling (49 Km)	251
9	Rani-Marwar Doubling (52 Km)	346
10	Abu Road-Swaroop Ganj Doubling (26 Km)	195
11	Abu Road-Sarotra Road Doubling (24 Km)	152
12	Alwar-Bandikui Doubling (60 Km)	450
13	Ajmer-Bangurgram Doubling (48 Km)	375
14	Bangurgram-Guriya Patch Doubling (47 Km)	395
15	Degana-Rai ka Bagh Doubling (146 Km)	809
16	Bina-Kota Doubling (283 Km)	2476
17	Nimach-Chittaurgarh Doubling (56 Km)	560
18	Dausa-Gangapur City Doubling (93 Km)	950
19	Phulera-Degana Doubling (108 Km)	702
20	Churu-Ratangarh Doubling (43 Km)	423
21	Khatuwas-Narnaul Doubling (24 Km)	313

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

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Nimach-Badi Sadri New Line (48 Km)	495

2	Taranga Hill-Abu Road New Line (116 Km)	2798
3	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal New Line (277 Km)	5073
4	Pushkar-Merta New Line (51 Km)	800
5	Ringus-Khatu Shyam Ji New Line (17 Km)	254
6	Merta city-Ras New Line & Bye Pass at Merta Road Station (56 Km)	947
7	Gwalior-Sheopurkalan Gauge Conversion with extension to Kota (284 Km)	2913
8	Dholpur-Sirmuttra Gauge Conversion with extension to Gangapur City (145 Km)	747
9	Mavli-Devgarh Madariya Gauge Conversion (83 Km)	969
10	Mathura-Jhansi 3rd Line (274 Km)	5924
11	Agra Fort-Bandikui Doubling (150 Km)	988
12	Sawaimadhampur-Jaipur Doubling (131 Km)	1204
13	Churu-Sadulpur & Luni-Bhildi Doubling (330 Km)	3554
14	Ajmer-Chanderiya Doubling (178 Km)	1635
15	Bye Pass line at Sawaimadhampur (14 Km)	304
16	Rewari-Khatuwas Doubling (28 Km)	352
17	Bye Pass line at Marwar (4 Km)	71
18	Bypass line at Churu (5 Km)	63
19	Bypass line at Samdari (1 Km)	26
20	Ramdevra-Pokhran new line (13 Km)	189
21	Lalgarh-Bikaner East Cabin doubling (11 Km)	279
22	Ringas-Sikar Doubling (50 Km)	470

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In last three years, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 59 surveys (25 new line & 34 doubling) of total length 5,666 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned in the state of Rajasthan.

Tamil Nadu

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹879 crore/year
2025-26	₹ 6,626 crore (more than 7.5 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 15 projects (09 new line, 03 gauge conversion and 03 doubling) of 1,700 km length, costing ₹22,808 Crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of sanctioned projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned upto Mar'25 (in km)	Expenditure upto Mar' 25 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	9	812	24	1,337
Gauge Conversion	3	748	604	3,471
Doubling /Multitracking	3	140	37	2,783
Total	15	1,700	665	7,591

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Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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

S.N.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Dindigal-Palani-Pollachi gauge conversion (121 km)	610
2	Pollachi-Palghat gauge conversion (56 km)	350
3	Pollachi-Podhanur gauge conversion (40 km)	400
4	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur gauge conversion (357 km)	1,122
5	Mayiladuturai-Thiruvavarur-Karaikkudi gauge conversion (187 km)	1,338
6	Madurai-Bodiyakannur gauge conversion (90 km)	593
7	Chengalpattu-Villupuram doubling (102 km)	670
8	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam 4th line (27 km)	83
9	Chennai Central-Basin Bridge doubling (2 km)	31
10	Thanjavur-Ponmalai doubling (48 km)	370
11	Villupuram-Dindigul doubling (273 km)	2,000
12	Chennai Beach-Korukkupet 3rd line (5 km)	168
13	Chennai Beach-Attipattu 4th line (22 km)	293
14	Omalur-Metturdam Patch doubling (29 km)	327
15	Chengalpattu-Villupuram and Tambaram-Chengalpattu-3rd line (133 km)	1,122

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S.N.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
16	Salem-Magnesite Junction-Omalur doubling (11 km)	115
17	Madurai- Maniyachi-Tuticorin doubling (160 km)	1,891
18	Maniyachi-Nagercoil doubling (102 km)	1,752
19	Chennai Beach-Chennai Egmore doubling (4 km)	272
20	Karaikal-Peralam new line (23 km)	373
21	Northern End Port connectivity to Karaikal Port (1 km)	18

To improve connectivity in Arani following works have been taken up:

S.N	Project	Cost (₹ in Crore)
1	Tindivanam-Nagari new line (184 km)	3,631
2	Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai new line (71 Km)	1400

Some of the other projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu constituency which have been taken up are as under:

S.N	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Morappur-Dharmapuri new line (36 km)	359
2	Nagapattinam-Tiruturaipundi new line (43 km)	742
3	Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling (87 km)	3,785
4	Arakkonam yard 3rd & 4th line (6 km)	98
5	Irugur-Podanur doubling (11 km)	277
6	Tambaram-Chengalpattu 4th Line (30 km)	757

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S.N	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
7	Attipattu-Gummidipundi 3rd & 4th line (23 km)	365
8	Perambur-Ambattur 5th & 6th line (6 km)	182
9	Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi doubling (104 km)	1332
10	Attipattu-Puttur new line (88 km)	1700
11	Chennai – Cuddalore via Mahabalipuram new line (179 Km)	2670

In last three years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 29 surveys (06 new line and 23 doubling) covering a total length of 2,478 km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in Tamil Nadu is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Tamil Nadu	4,326 ha
Land Acquired	1,052 ha (24%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3,274 ha (76%)

Support of the Government of Tamil Nadu is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

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.	Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai new line (71 km)	276	33	243
2.	Attiputtu-Puttur new line (88 km)	189	0	189
3.	Morappur-Dharmapuri new line (36 km)	92	45	47
4.	Mannargudi-Pattukkottai new line (41 km)	196	0	196
5.	Thanjavur-Pattukottai new line (52 km)	152	0	152

Further, Rameshwaram – Dhanushkodi new line (18 km) was sanctioned at a cost of ₹734 Cr. The Foundation Stone of the project was laid on 01.03.2019. However, the project could not be started because the land acquisition has not been undertaken by the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Tamil Nadu.

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 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.**