

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

WARDHA NANDED RAIL PROJECT

3041. SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Wardha–Nanded rail project;**
- (b) the details of the work completed on this project so far since the approval of this route;**
- (c) whether the Government has examined the reasons for the delay in this project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the timeline by when these reasons would be resolved/this project to be completed;**
- (e) whether the Government has fixed any tentative timeline for this project and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of the concrete steps taken by the Government to expedite the progress of this work?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Railway has taken up the work of Wardha-Nanded (284 Km.) new line project. Wardha-Deoli-Kalamb section (38 Km) has been commissioned and work taken up in the balance section. An expenditure of ₹3,264 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025 with an outlay of ₹310 crore for the year 2025-26. The required 567 Ha. land has been acquired. Section wise progress of the project is as under:

S.N.	Name of Section	Status of Tunnels	Status of Major Bridges
1	Wardha-Deoli-Kalamb section (38 Km)	Already Completed and Commissioned.	
2	Kalamb-Yavatmal section (40Km)	Tunnel (2.9 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 73 % excavation completed • Lining taken up 	There are 36 Major Bridge in this section, out of which 35 has been completed.
3.	Yavatmal-Digras section (79 Km)	No tunnels in this section.	There are 29 Major Bridge in this section, out of which 04 have been completed and work taken up in balance section.
4.	Digras-Nanded section (127 Km)	Tunnel (7.39 km) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64 % excavation completed • Lining taken up 	There are 55 Major Bridge. Works have been taken up.

Maharashtra Railway Budget:-

Budget allocation during the last five years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year
2025-26	₹23,778 crore (More than 20 times)

Track Construction:

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

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 Km/year
2014-25	2,292 Km	208.4 Km/year (More than 3 times)

Projects sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2025, 38 projects (11 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversion and 25 Doubling), of a total length of 5,098 km, costing ₹89,780 crore, falling fully/partly in Maharashtra, including remote and tribal areas, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of sanctioned Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (Km)	Exp. upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	11	1,355	234	10,504
Gauge Conversion	02	609	334	4,286
Doubling/ Multitracking	25	3,134	1,792	24,617
Total	38	5,098	2,360	39,407

Recently completed projects:

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

S.No.	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Pune-Miraj-Londa Doubling (467 Km)	4,670
2	Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion (300 Km)	2,005
3	Chhindwara-Nagpur Gauge Conversion (150 Km)	1,512
4	Panvel-Pen Doubling (35 Km)	263
5	Pen-Roha Doubling (40 Km)	330
6	Udhna-Jalgaon Doubling (307 Km)	2,448
7	Mudkhed-Parbhani Doubling (81 Km)	673
8	Bhusawal-Jalgaon 3rd Line (24 Km)	325
9	Jalgaon-Bhusawal 4th Line (24 Km)	261
10	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (225 Km)	3,182

Ongoing Projects:

To further improve the Railway Infrastructure in the state of Maharashtra, following works have been taken up:-

S.No.	Name of the project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1	Ahilyanagar (Ahmednagar)-Beed-Parli Vaijnath New Line (261 Km)	4,957
2	Baramati-Lonand New Line (64 Km)	1,844
3	Wardha-Nanded New Line (284 Km)	3,445
4	Indore-Manmad New Line (360 Km)	18,529
5	Wadsa-Gadchiroli New Line (52 Km)	1,886
6	Jalna-Jalgaon New Line (174 Km)	5,804
7	Daund-Manmad Doubling (236 Km)	3,037
8	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd Line (68 Km)	1,433
9	Wardha-Nagpur 3rd Line (76 Km)	698
10	Wardha-Ballarshah 3rd Line (132 Km)	1,385
11	Itarsi-Nagpur 3rd Line (280 Km)	2,450
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd Line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Wardha-Nagpur 4th Line (79 Km)	1,137
14	Jalgaon-Manmad 4th Line (160 Km)	2,574
15	Bhusawal-Khandwa 3rd & 4th Line (131 Km)	3,285
16	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad New Line (95 Km)	2,933
17	Panvel-Chowk Double Line (17 Km)	491
18	Wardha-Balharshah 4th Line (135 Km)	2,226
19	Itarsi-Nagpur 4th Line (297 Km)	5,010
20	Wardha-Bhusawal 3rd & 4th Line (314 Km)	9,197
21	Asangaon-Kasara 4th Line (35 Km)	794

22	Badlapur-Karjat 3rd & 4th Line (32 Km)	1,324
23	Gondia-Dongargarh 4th Line (84 Km)	2,223
24	Gondia-Balharshah Doubling (240 Km)	4,819

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.**

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.**