

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN CHITTORGARH/PRATAPGARH/UDAIPUR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey work has been completed or any proposals are currently under consideration for approval for laying of new railway lines in Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the project-wise details of the estimated cost of the ongoing railway projects (new line, doubling) in the said districts and the amount spent so far including the progress/status thereof;**
- (c) the status of administrative/financial approval of new railway lines and doubling projects after completion of their survey;**
- (d) whether the Government is working on any special priority scheme to strengthen rail connectivity in the said districts and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the likely impact of the said projects on regional economic development, tourism, industrial activities and employment generation after completion?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): To improve connectivity in Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan, Final Location Surveys (FLS) for following projects have been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) :

- (i) Neemuch – Singoli – Begun – Rawatbhata - Kota new line (201 km)**
- (ii) Mandisor – Pratapgarh – Ghatol - Banswara new line (120 km)**

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(iii) **Neemuch – Banswara – Dahod – Alirajpur - Nandurbar new line (380 km)**

(iv) **Chittorgarh – Mavli – Debari Doubling (99 km)**

After preparation of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depend upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.

Further, works have been taken up for the following projects to enhance connectivity in Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan:

(1) Nimach - Badi Sadri New Line (48 km): The work has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹495 crore. Status of the work is as under:

Activity	Status
Land Acquisition	Completed
Major Bridges	4 out of 7 Major bridges have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.
RUBs	9 out of 30 RUBs have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.
Station Building	2 out of 6 station buildings have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.

(2) Mavil - Devgarh Madariya Gauge Conversion (83 km): The work has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹969 crore. Status of the work is as under:

Activity	Status
Land Acquisition	Completed
Major Bridges	6 out of 10 Major Bridges have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.
RUBs	38 out of 64 RUBs have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.
Station Building	4 out of 7 station buildings have been completed and work has been taken up in balance.

(3) Ajmer-Chanderiya Doubling (178 km): The work has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹1635 crore. Status of the work is as under:

Activity	Status
Land Acquisition	75 Ha out of 114 Ha has been completed and Land acquisition has been taken up for balance land.
Major Bridges	Work has been taken up for 16 Major Bridges.
RUBs	Work has been taken up for 31 RUBs.
Station Building	1 out of 13 station buildings has been completed and work has been taken up in balance.

(4) Umra – Udaipur - Debari Doubling (25 km):

The project has been sanctioned in Decemeber-2025 at a cost of ₹492 crore. The project has been declared as ‘Special Railway Project’ and Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) has been appointed. Land Acquisition has been taken up.

Rajasthan

Railway Budget:

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)

Track Construction:

The details of constructing 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)

Project Sanctioned:

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

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure (₹ 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.

Recently completed projects:

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.	Nimach-Chittaurgarh Doubling (56 Km)	560
2.	Bangurgram-Ras New Line (28 km)	175
3.	Thaiyat Hamira-Sonu New Line (58 Km)	350
4.	Suratpura- Sriganganagar Gauge Conversion (241 Km)	896

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Cost (₹ in crore)
5.	Sadulpur-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana Gauge Conversion (438 Km)	886
6.	Jaipur -Churu & Sikar-Loharu Gauge Conversion (320 Km)	1105
7.	Bhagat ki Kothi-Luni Doubling (28 Km)	128
8.	Rani-Keshav Ganj Doubling (59 Km)	290
9.	Guriya-Marwar & Karjoda-Palanpur Doubling (49 Km)	251
10.	Rani-Marwar Doubling (52 Km)	346
11.	Abu Road-Swaroop Ganj Doubling (26 Km)	195
12.	Abu Road-Sarotra Road Doubling (24 Km)	152
13.	Alwar-Bandikui Doubling (60 Km)	450
14.	Ajmer-Bangurgram Doubling (48 Km)	375
15.	Bangurgram-Guriya Patch Doubling (47 Km)	395
16.	Degana-Rai ka Bagh Doubling (146 Km)	809
17.	Bina-Kota Doubling (283 Km)	2476
18.	Dausa-Gangapur City Doubling (93 Km)	950
19.	Phulera-Degana Doubling (108 Km)	702
20.	Churu-Ratangarh Doubling (43 Km)	423

Ongoing projects:

Some of the 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.	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal New Line (277 Km)	5073
2.	Pushkar-Merta New Line (51 Km)	800
3.	Ringus-Khatu Shyam Ji New Line (17 Km)	254
4.	Taranga Hill-Abu Road New Line (116 Km)	2798
5.	Merta city-Ras New Line & Bye Pass at Merta Road Station (56 Km)	947
6.	Gwalior-Sheopurkalan Gauge Conversion with extension to Kota (284 Km)	2913
7.	Dholpur-Sirmuttra Gauge Conversion with extension to Gangapur City (145 Km)	747
8.	Mathura-Jhansi 3rd Line (274 Km)	5924
9.	Agra Fort-Bandikui Doubling (150 Km)	988
10.	Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur Doubling (131 Km)	1204
11.	Luni-Bhildi Doubling (272 Km)	3086
12.	Churu – Sadulpur Doubling (58 km)	469
13.	Bye Pass line at Sawaimadhopur (14 Km)	304
14.	Rewari-Khatuwas Doubling (28 Km)	352
15.	Khatuwas-Narnaul Doubling (24 Km)	313
16.	Bye Pass line at Marwar (4 Km)	71
17.	Bypass line at Churu (5 Km)	63
18.	Bypass line at Samdari (1 Km)	26
19.	Ramdevra-Pokhran new line (13 Km)	189
20.	Lalgarh-Bikaner East Cabin doubling (11 Km)	279
21.	Ringas-Sikar Doubling (50 Km)	470

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 including Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts have been sanctioned.

Sanction of any railway project depends 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.

Railway Infrastructure projects enable socio-economic development of the region including:

- **Better integration of the region with other parts of the country**
- **Faster movement of goods and services**
- **Improving logistics efficiency**
- **Enhance line capacity**
- **Increase in direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people of the region**
- **Reduces operational bottlenecks**
- **Development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region.**
