

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 911
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS ACROSS INDIA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of new railway projects approved in the country so far, Statewise;**
- (b) the details of the total estimated cost of these projects;**
- (c) whether priority has been given to aspirational districts and border areas and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the time line fixed for completion of these projects?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments,

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Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. including connection to aspirational districts and border areas depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

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 including aspirational districts and border areas, out of which, 12,769 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.91 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'25 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Crore)
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	8.57 Km/day (more than 2 times)

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.