

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1716
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

**AUGMENTATION OF PIT LINE AND YARD FACILITIES AT DHANBAD
JUNCTION**

1716. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Dhanbad Junction is facing acute congestion and operational constraints due to heavy coaching traffic and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether augmentation of pit line and yard facilities have been assessed as necessary to strengthen maintenance capacity and improve train handling and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the extent to which such augmentation is expected to ease congestion and provide operational relief to passengers; and**
- (d) the reasons for delay/non-sanction of these works despite repeated passenger demand along with the time-frame by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Dhanbad Junction station is served by 76 passenger trains daily. Also, 50 goods trains ply through the station daily. Presently, following facilities are available at Dhanbad station:

- 16 Lines, including 04 goods lines.**
- 07 Platforms**
- 02 Sick lines**
- 04 Pit lines**
- 05 Stabling lines**

To further improve the capacity of passenger and freight trains in the area, following works have been sanctioned:

SN	Project	Status
1.	Dhanbad-Sonnagar 3rd line (291 Km)	The project is sanctioned at a cost of ₹7,906 Cr. Expenditure of ₹5,694 Cr has been incurred in this project and ₹275 Cr has been allocated in FY 2026-27. Land acquisition has been completed. 206 Km out of 291 km has been commissioned. Works have been taken up in balance sections. 26 Major bridges out of 58 have been completed. Work on balance bridges have been taken up. 489 minor bridges out of 540 have been completed. Work on balance bridges have been taken up. 4 RUBs out of 8 have been completed. Work on balance RUBs have been taken up.
2.	Permanent diversion of fire affected Dhanbad-Chandrapura line by Dhanbad- Ispatnagar line via Telulmari, Nichitpur, Matari, Telo	The project is sanctioned at a cost of ₹475 Cr. Expenditure of ₹50 Cr has been incurred in this project and ₹120 Cr has been allocated in FY 2026-27. Land is largely available. However, the project is declared as Special Railway

	including Y connection at Dhanbad and Ispatnagar (28 Km)	Project and CALA has been appointed for taking up required land acquisition. Works of major, minor bridges, earthwork, formation etc. have been taken up where land is available.
3.	Pradhan Kuntha Jn-Pathardih Bazar-Bhojudih doubling (17 Km)	The project is sanctioned at a cost of ₹349 Cr. Expenditure of ₹119 Cr has been incurred in the project and ₹103 Cr has been allocated in FY 2026-27. Land Acquisition has been completed. Construction of Earthwork, formation etc. has been taken up. 24 Minor bridges out of 26 have been completed. Work on balance bridges have been taken up.
4.	ROR at Gomoh (44 Km)	The project is sanctioned at a cost of ₹686 Cr. Expenditure of ₹494 Cr has been incurred in the project and ₹150 Cr has been allocated in FY 2026-27. Land Acquisition has been completed. 2 Major bridges out of 3 have been completed. Work on balance bridge has been taken up. 25 Minor bridges out of 26 have been completed. Work on balance one bridge

		has been taken up. 2 ROBs out of 5 have been completed. Work on balance ROB has been taken up. 8 RUBs out of 9 have been completed. Work on balance RUB has been taken up.
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Further, to augment the coach handling capacity of the station the work of Enhancement of Coach stabling capacity in Dhanbad yard has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 2.88 Cr. This will facilitate placements/withdrawal of trains from Pit-line. The work has been taken up.

Pit Lines facilities are planned and executed as per operational and maintenance requirement.

Railway Budget:

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

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹457 Cr./Yr
2026-27	₹7,536 Cr. (approx. 16 times)

Track Construction:

The details of constructing new tracks falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand is as under:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	287 Km	57 Km/year
2014-26	1,371 Km	114 Km/year (2 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 36 projects (10 New Lines and 26 doubling), covering a total length of 2,887 Km, costing ₹60,064 crore falling fully/partly in Jharkhand are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2026 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Lines	10	753	156	4,853
Doubling/Multi-tracking	26	2,133	458	13,558
Total	36	2,887	615	18,411

Recently Completed Projects:

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

S.No	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Mandarhill- Rampurhat new line (130 Km)	908
2	Giridih-Koderma new line (111 Km)	404
3	Koderma – Ranchi new line (202 Km)	3,800
4	Ranchi-Lohardaga Gauge Conversion (111 Km)	665
5	Sahibganj-Pirpainti Doubling (23 km)	129
6	Tinpahar-Sahebganj Doubling (38 Km)	246
7	Sini-Adityapur Doubling (23 Km)	215
8	Goeilkeram-Manoharpur Doubling (28 Km)	425
9	Dongaposi-Rajkharswan 3rd line (75 Km)	629

10	Danea-Ranchi Road Doubling (25 Km)	324
11	Chakardharpur-Goilkeria 3rd line (34 Km)	383
12	Garhwa Road-Ramna doubling (32 Km)	427
13	Manoharpur-Bondamanda 3rd line (30 Km)	359
14	Jarangdih-Danea Patch Doubling (29 km)	500
15	Ranchi Road- Patratu doubling (31 Km)	348
16	Talgaria-Bokaro doubling (38 Km)	514
17	Ramna-Singrauli doubling (160 Km)	2,436

Ongoing Projects:

Details of some of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand which have been taken up are as under:

S.No	Project	Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Koderma-Tilaiya new line (62 Km)	2,287
2	Buramara-Chakulia new line (60 Km)	1,459
3	Dhanbad-Sonnagar 3rd line (291 Km)	7,906
4	Bondamunda-Ranchi doubling (159 Km)	3,029
5	Kharagpur-Adityapur 3rd line (132 Km)	3,450
6	Chandil- Burnpur - 3rd line (121 Km)	1,932
7	Koderma-Barkakhana doubling (133 Km)	2,887
8	Bhagalpur-Rampurhat doubling (177 Km)	3,169
9	Gamharia-Chandil 3rd and 4th line (26 Km)	1,168
10	Barbenda-Damrughutu Doubling (52 Km)	815
11	Dangoaposi-Jaroli 3rd & 4th Line (43 Km)	1,638

During last three years (i.e. 2023-2024, 2024-25, 2025-2026 and current Financial Year i.e. 2026-27), total 25 Nos. of Surveys (01 New Line,

24 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand having a total length of 908 Km have been sanctioned.

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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 own operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

Completion of Railway projects/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.
