

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK IN BIHAR

†2356. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of each project being implemented for the improvement and expansion of railway network at present in Bihar;**
- (b) the amount proposed to be allocated/released for the said projects in the districts of Bihar at present;**
- (c) the details of the works carried out for the improvement and expansion of railway network in Bihar during the last three years; and**
- (d) the details of the newly constructed rail lines in Bihar during the last three years?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2356 BY SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK IN BIHAR

(a) to (d): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise and not State wise as Railways' project/s may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 52 Railway Infrastructure projects (32 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 16 doublings), costing ₹ 66,597 crore, covering total length of 5,004 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1,240 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 21,038 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

- 32 New Line Projects, covering total length of 2,875 Km at a cost of ₹44,692crore, out of which 435 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,775Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.**
- 4 Gauge Conversion Projects, covering total length of 849 Km at a cost of ₹5,591 crore, out of which 682 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,219Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.**
- 16 Doubling Projects, covering total length of 1,280 Km at a cost of ₹16,314 crore, out of which 122 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,044Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.**

Railway Projects in the State of Bihar are covered by East Central Railway (ECR), Eastern Railway (ER), North Eastern Railway (NER) and Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zones of Indian Railways. The details of projects including cost, expenditure and outlay Zone-wise and Project-wise are available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in> Ministry of Railways> Railway Board > About Indian Railways> Railway Board Directorates> Finance

(Budget)> Pink Book (year)>Railways-wise Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme (RSP).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Bihar, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹3,061 crore per year from ₹1,132 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 170% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. Annual Budget allocations for these projects have been increased to ₹4,093 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (262% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,489 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (297% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹5,560 crore in Financial Year 2021-22 (391% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, the highest ever Budget outlay of ₹6,606 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 484% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,132 crore per year).

During 2014-22, 1096 Km sections (317 Km New Lines, 425 Km Gauge Conversion and 354 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate of 137 Km/year, which is 115% more than the average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year Km).

During last three year i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, 401 Km sections (77 Km New Lines, 145 Km Gauge Conversion and 179 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar have been commissioned at an average rate of 134 Km/year, which is 111% more than the average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (63.6 Km/year Km).
