

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5374
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

ELECTRIFICATION WORK OF RAILWAYS

**5374. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
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SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for electrification work of Indian Railways and if so, whether the target has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the time by which electrification work of Indian Railways is likely to be completed;**
- (c) the details of planned expenditure for electrification of Indian Railways in the current year, next five years and last five years in the country, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;**
- (d) the expected time limit and plan for operations of trains fully on electric mode in the country;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to hire contractors for starting the operation of trains;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be executed; and**
- (g) the terms and conditions fixed by the Railways for this purpose?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5374 BY DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, SHRI SELVAM G., SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR, SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI, SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL, SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE AND DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION WORK OF RAILWAYS

(a)& (b) Indian Railways have planned for 100% electrification of Broad Gauge (BG) routes. However, the completion of Electrification project depends upon various factors like clearances from the concerned Departments/State Governments/Central Ministries, completion of Transmission Line works by State Power Utilities and resolution of law & order issues during execution, which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways. Therefore, it is not feasible to fix time lines for completion of the project.

(c) Funds for Railway Electrification are allocated on pan-India basis Railway zone wise and not State wise. The details of pan-India Budget Allocation for Railway Electrification projects during last five years and current year are as under:

Year	Expenditure (₹ Crore)
2017-18	3,837
2018-19	5,955
2019-20	7,145
2020-21	6,141
2021-22	6,972
2022-23	6,173 (upto 19.03.2023)

Out of the next five years, planned expenditure is only available for Financial Year 2023-24 which is ₹ 8,070 Crore. For rest four years, planned expenditure can be shared only after passing of Budget in subsequent years.

(d) Operation of trains fully on electric mode depends upon completion of electrification and subsequent commissioning of electrified route. Commissioning of electrified routes again depend on various factor like clearances from the concerned Departments/State Governments/Central Ministries, completion of Transmission Line works by State Power Utilities and resolution of law & order issues during execution, which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways for operation of train on electric mode.

(e) At present, there is no proposal under consideration for operation of regular passenger train services over Indian Railways by private trains operators.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.
