

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2775  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

**COMPLETION OF KHAMGAON-JALNA RAILWAY ROUTE**

**2775. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the survey regarding final location of railway route from Khamgaon-Jalna in Buldhana area of Maharashtra has been completed and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the detailed Project Report in this regard has been prepared and submitted to the Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is true that despite being started in the year 2004 and having all the formalities completed, this project is still pending with the Railway Board;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government is aware that people of Buldhana are suffering a lot in the wake of non-completion of this railway route and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to complete the said route as soon as possible?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2775 BY SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK AND SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING COMPLETION OF KHAMGAON-JALNA RAILWAY ROUTE**

**(a) to (f): Final Location Survey (FLS) for Jalna – Khamgaon new line (155 km) in the State of Maharashtra has been sanctioned. The survey work has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation work has been taken up.**

**Further, as on 01.04.2023, 34 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 16 Doubling), of total length of 5,872 km costing ₹80,184 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are in planning/ approval/ construction stages, out of which 1,421 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹23,964 crore has been incurred upto March 2023. These include-**

- (i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹38,423 crore, out of which 93 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,052 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**
- (ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 580 km costing ₹7,339 crore, out of which 283 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,791 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**
- (iii) 16 Doubling projects of total length of 3,275 km costing ₹34,422 crore, out of which 1045 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,121 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Maharashtra is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹1,171 crore/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹13,539 crore</b>	<b>1056% more</b>

During 2014-23, 1,472 km sections (147 km New Line, 136 km Gauge Conversion and 1,189 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, have been commissioned at an average rate of 163.56 km per year, which is 180% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km/year).

Total 74 surveys (14 new line, 02 gauge conversion and 58 doubling) covering total length of 5,719 km falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned during last three years (2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) and current financial year.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.

**Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.**

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