

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

**PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**787. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

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

- (a) the number of railway projects, laying of new lines and doubling and electrification in different States that are lying pending since the last three years, State-wise;**
- (b) the details of cost escalation due to non-completion of these works; and**
- (c) the timeline for completing such railway projects?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787 BY DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**(a) to (c): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise/UT wise as the Railways' projects may span across various state boundaries.**

**As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railway, 459 Railway Infrastructure projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of 46,360 Km length, costing approx. ₹7.18 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 11,872 Km length has been commissioned upto March, 2023. These include:-**

- (i) 189 New line projects of total length 20,659 Km, costing approx. ₹3.99 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 2,903 Km length has been commissioned upto March, 2023.**
- (ii) 39 Gauge Conversion projects of total length 5,405 Km, costing ₹48,580 crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 3,514 Km length has been commissioned upto March, 2023.**
- (iii) 231 Doubling projects of total length 20,296 Km, costing approx. ₹2.70 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 5,455 Km length has been commissioned upto March, 2023.**

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**As on 01.04.2023, across the country, 189 Railway Electrification projects of 33,014 km length, costing approx. 50,074 crore are appearing in Pink Book, out of which 29,317 km length has been commissioned upto March, 2023.**

**Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.**

**The details of commissioning of sections (New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling) and status of Railway electrification across Indian Railways during the last three years and the current year i.e. Yr.2020-21 to Yr. 2023-24 (Upto December, 2023) is given below:-**

	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24 upto Dec'2023</b>
<b>New Lines (in km)</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>2629</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion (in km)</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Doubling (in km)</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>3186</b>	<b>1332</b>
<b>Electrification of Railway Lines (in Route km)</b>	<b>6,015</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>6,565</b>	<b>2,696</b>

**The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s). As such, the confirmed time frame for completion of the project(s) cannot be ascertained at this stage.

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) 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. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014. The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections across Indian Railways is given below:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Commissioning</b>	<b>Commissioning per day</b>	<b>Increase in commissioning w.r.t. commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>7,599 km</b>	<b>4.2 km/day</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5,243 km</b>	<b>14.4 km/day</b>	<b>About 3.4 times</b>

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