

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

INCOMPLETE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

***123. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a number of rail infrastructure projects are incomplete due to various reasons;**
- (b) if so, the details of such projects running behind the schedule in Maharashtra along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) since when these projects are running behind the schedule; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to complete these projects without further loss of time and cost over run?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 BY SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT AND SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING INCOMPLETE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

(a) to (d):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 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

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 Average Annual Budget allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹11,527 crore/year	-
2024-25	₹68,634 crore	Nearly 6 times

The details of commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling sections across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day	-
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day	More than 2 times

In 2023-24, 5,309 km sections have been commissioned across Indian Railways.

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Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway infrastructure projects (16 New Line, 02 Gauge Conversion and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 km costing ₹81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra are in implementation/ concurrence stages, out of which 1,926 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹31,236 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include-

(i) 16 New Line projects of total length of 2,017 km costing ₹38,423 crore, out of which 166 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹8,529 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

(ii) 2 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 609 km costing ₹7,339 crore, out of which 312 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,332 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

(iii) 23 Doubling projects of total length of 3,251 km costing ₹35,818 crore, out of which 1,448 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,376 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

Further, to avoid congestions on suburban corridors and to meet the future demands, MUTP III costing ₹10,947 crores and MUTP III A costing ₹33,690 crores have been sanctioned. These projects include following additional 10 rail links:

S.No.	Name of project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
2	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km),	919
3	Panvel-Karjat Suburban corridor (29.6 km)	2782
4	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) suburban corridor link (3.3 km)	476
5	Quadrupling of Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
6	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km),	826
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866

All these MUTP projects have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis 50:50 between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra Govt. was not providing requisite funds on time as per the commitment till 2022-23, resulting in delay in completion of the projects. Government of Maharashtra has started funding for MUTP 3A projects from April 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:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹13,539 crore	11.56 times
2024-25	₹15940 crore	13.61 times

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Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 km/year	-
2014-24	1830 Km	183 km/year	3.13 times

In 2023-24 total 358 kms have been commissioned which is more than 6 times as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14.

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.

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).
