

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.128  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

**SURVEY ON LAYING OF RAILWAY LINES**

**†\*128 SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying of railway lines between Mahasamund to Tumgaon, Pithora, Basna, Saraipali, Sohela and Bargarh route in Chhattisgarh;**
- (b) if so, the decision taken/being taken by the Government on the basis of the said survey;**
- (c) if not, whether the survey has been planned during the year 2024-25; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 128 BY SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING SURVEY ON LAYING OF RAILWAY LINES**

**(a) to (d): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.**

**Feasibility study for construction of a new line from Mahasamund to Bargarh (180 kms) via Tumgaon, Patewa, Pithora, Saraipali was carried out. There were low traffic projections in feasibility study.**

**Now a new final location survey from Raipur to Sambalpur (270 kms) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report. The alignment of this route passes through Mahasamund District.**

**However, Mahasamund is already connected with Bargarh via Titlagarh and doubling of both Raipur-Mahasamund-Titlagarh and Titlagarh-Bargarh-Sambalpur has been completed in last 2 years.**

**59 Surveys (25 New Line, 34 Doubling) of total length 5223 kms falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh have been taken up under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services, connectivity to industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, agricultural zones including tourist and cultural places.**

**Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and**

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**alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 25 Projects (08 New Line and 17 Doubling) of a total length 2,731 km, costing ₹37,018 crore, falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 882 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,919 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

**(i) 08 New Line projects covering total length of 1,358 km at a cost of ₹20,414 crore, out of which 184 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 6,154 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**(ii) 17 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,373km at a cost of ₹ 16,604 crore, out of which 698 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 8,765 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Chhattisgarh is as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average outlay</b>	<b>Increase as compared to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹ 311 Cr./year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹ 6008 Crore</b>	<b>More than 19 times</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>₹ 6922 Crore</b>	<b>More than 22 times</b>

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

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Length Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Length Commissioned</b>	<b>change w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>32 km</b>	<b>6.4 km/Year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>999 km</b>	<b>99.9 km/Year</b>	<b>Nearly 15.6%</b>

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