

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY TRACK IN THE COUNTRY

†331. MS IQRA CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the extant policy of the Government regarding construction of new railway tracks to provide rail connectivity across the country;**
- (b) the total number of such railway tracks for which survey has been conducted in the past but no action or works have been initiated so far;**
- (c) the total number of survey conducted on the Panipat-Meerut rail route; and**
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government for initiating works on the said rail route?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 331 BY MS IQRA CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY TRACK IN THE COUNTRY

(a) & (b): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State wise/district-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries. Furthermore, Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

During the last 3 years i.e. FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current FY 2024-25, 386 surveys (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of total length 24,381 km have been completed. Further action has been taken up based on the outcome of Survey report.

As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railway, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of 44,488 Km length, 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. These include:-

(i) 187 New line projects of total length 20,199 Km, costing approx. ₹4.16 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 2,855 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.6 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

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(ii) **40 Gauge Conversion projects of total length 4,719 Km, costing ₹45,242 crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 2,972 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,706 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

(iii) **261 Doubling projects of total length 19,570 Km, costing approx. ₹2.83 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 6,218 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹1.13 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	-
2014-24	₹40,289 crore/year	Nearly 3.5 times
2023-24	₹67,199 crore	Nearly 6 times

The details of commissioning of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling 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	-
2023-24	5,309 km	14.54 km/day	About 3.5 times

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(c) & (d): The survey of Meerut-Panipat New line (104 Km) has been sanctioned for preparing Detailed Project Report. However, Panipat and Meerut are well connected with existing rail network via Delhi-Ghaziabad.
