

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 334  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**CONNECTION OF SIROHI DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS UNDER PM GATI  
SHAKTI**

**†334 SHRI LUMBA RAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to connect Sirohi district headquarters with railway network under the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Yojana as the district centre of the aspirational district of Sirohi still remains disconnected with the railway network;**
- (b) whether the Government is planning to connect Sirohi district center with the railway network through Marwar Bagra and Pindbara as these areas are socially and economically backward and require railway network connectivity for the development of this area;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the district headquarters in the country including Rajasthan where there is no rail facility available;**
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to connect all the districts with railway networks; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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. 334 BY SHRI LUMBA RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING CONNECTION OF SIROHI DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS UNDER PM GATI SHAKTI**

**(a) to (f): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. Sanction of New Railway lines in areas which are not connected by Railway network including district headquarters is a continuous and an ongoing process of Indian Railways.**

**As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Rajasthan, 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. These projects will provide connectivity to unconnected areas with Railway network including District headquarters.**

## **Rajasthan**

**As on 01.04.2024, 32 Railway infrastructure projects (15 new lines, 05 gauge conversion and 12 doubling), costing ₹ 51814 crore for 4191 km length falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1183 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 14786 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:**

- 15 New Line Projects covering total length of 1230 km at a cost of ₹ 20997 crore, out of which 134 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3593 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- 05 Gauge Conversion Projects covering total length of 1252 km at a cost of ₹ 8334 crore, out of which 759 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5398 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**
- 12 Doubling Projects covering total length of 1709 km at a cost of ₹ 22483 crore, out of which 290 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 5794 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allotment for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Average Outlay</b>	<b>Change wrt average allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>₹ 682 Cr./Yr</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>₹ 9532 Cr.</b>	<b>Nearly 14 times</b>

**Survey of total 54 projects (23 new line and 31 doubling) of total length 4,894 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned during last three years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year 2024-25). These surveys include connectivity to unconnected areas with Railway network including District headquarters.**

**Survey for Sirohi – Marwar Bagra – Pindwara new line (96 Km) has been completed but project could not be taken up due to low traffic projections. However, Pindwara and Marwar Bagra are connected through existing Railway Network.**

**To improve the mobility and cater to the growing traffic demand, the work of doubling between Luni – Samdari – Bhildi (271.97 Km) section costing ₹ 3085.59 crore has been sanctioned in 2023-24.**

**Also, double line Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) passes through Sirohi district of Rajasthan.**

**Ministry of Railways has launched ‘Amrit Bharat Station Scheme’ for development of stations on Indian Railways.**

**This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.**

**The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centers at the station in the long term.**

**So far, 1324 stations have been identified in development under this scheme including Abu Road and Pindwara stations falling under Sirohi district of Rajasthan.**

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

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