

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 244
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS

***244. MS. DIYA KUMARI:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to launch any new railway projects to cater to the increasing passenger footfall and to connect the areas not covered so far under railway network;**
- (b) if so, the details of railway projects under consideration along with the ongoing projects in various States of the country including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, State/UT and zone-wise and if not, the plans of the Government to take up such projects in the near future;**
- (c) the State-wise status of the projects announced during the last three years along with the number of projects out of them on which work is going on and the number of projects completed so far, State/UT-wise;**
- (d) the amount of funds spent so far in this regard along with the estimated amount likely to be spent on these projects, State/UT-wise; and**
- (e) the details of the operation of new trains announced during the last three years?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 BY MS. DIYA KUMARI AND SHRI RAVI KISHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.07.2019 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) Launching of new railway projects to cater to the increasing passenger footfall and to connect the areas not covered so far under railway network is a need based ongoing process subject to commercial justification, operational requirement, technical feasibility and resource availability.

(b) and (c) As on 01.04.2019, there are 189 New Lines projects totaling 21,443 km in various stages of planning/approval/execution, which will connect the areas not covered so far under railway network. Besides this, there are 247 double line/3rd line/4th line projects in various stages of planning/sanction/execution, which will cater to increasing passenger footfall. Railway projects are sanctioned zone-wise and the details of all these works are made available in public domain on Indian Railway website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >2019-20_List_of_Works. This list includes the works of all the States of Country including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra. Railway projects are sanctioned zone-wise and total 154 projects of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Double line/3rd line & 4th line (59 during 2016-17, 54 during 2017-18 and 41 during 2018-19) have been announced during last 03 years and are in various stages of planning/approval/execution. 68 ongoing projects have been completed during 03 years (20 during 2016-17, 23 during 2017-18 and 25 during 2018-19) and 8,313 km of New Line/ Double line/3rd line & 4th line / Gauge Conversion have been commissioned.

(d) The Accounting and Budgeting Units of Indian Railways are Zones and Production Units. Railway Budget is therefore prepared Railway Zone/Production Unit wise and not State wise. Information on state wise expenditure is thus not maintained. Expenditure incurred on projects under plan heads New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling since 2014-15, under various Railway zones is given in the following table –
(₹ in cr)

	New Lines (incl.USBRL)	Gauge Conversion	Doubling	Total
Actual 2014-15	8433.81	3663.59	3880.59	15977.99
Actual 2015-16	2805.38	3735.41	10496.83	37037.62
Actual 2016-17	15987.21	4102.17	9214.42	29303.80
Actual 2017-18	9206.64	3301.91	11364.35	23872.90
Actual 2018-19	11292.81	4242.31	15360.17	30895.29
BE 2019-20	29077.77	3118.38	17601.76	49797.91

(e) During the period from 2016-17 to 2018-19, 599 (in single) new train services have been introduced.
