

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019**

RAILWAY PROJECTS

***225. MS. DIYA KUMARI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status/progress of works relating to new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and signalling during the last three years, State-wise including Rajasthan;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said projects; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.225 BY MS. DIYA KUMARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2019 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): Details of New Lines, Doubling, Gauge Conversion, Electrification and Signalling in the Country including Rajasthan are as under:-

New Lines:- Presently, Indian Railways have taken up 188 new line projects of 21,295 Km length and costing ₹3.87 lakh crore, which are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. Out of which, commissioning of 2,622 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹85,536 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 188 new line projects, 49 projects of 3,850 km length, costing ₹71,927 crore, have been included in the Budget, during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Out of total 188 New Line Projects, 11 New Line projects are of 1,238 Km length, costing ₹15,303 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan. Out of which, commissioning of 69 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹1543 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 11 new line projects falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, 03 projects of 163 km length, costing ₹2,728 crore, have been included in the Budget, during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Gauge Conversion:- Presently, Indian Railways have taken up, 55 Gauge Conversion projects of 7,275 Km length and costing ₹56,135 crore, which are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. Out of which, commissioning of 3,573 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹19,640 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 55 gauge conversion projects, 24 projects of 1,328 km length and costing ₹10,718 crore, have been included in the Budget, during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

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Out of total 55 gauge conversion projects, 06 gauge conversion projects are of 1,637 Km length, costing ₹12,992 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan. Out of which, commissioning of 664 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹2,349 crore incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 06 gauge conversion projects, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, 01 project of 152 km length, costing ₹2,654 crore has been included in the Budget during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Doubling:- Presently, Indian Railways have taken up, 255 doubling projects of 20,500 Km length and costing ₹2.32 lakh crore, which are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. Out of which, commissioning of 2,784 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹48,342 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 255 doubling projects, 81 projects of 5,184 km length, costing ₹62,825 crore have been included in the Budget, during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Out of total 255 doubling projects, 14 doubling projects of 1,789 Km length, costing ₹18,699 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan. Out of which, commissioning of 137 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹2,475 crore has been incurred up to March, 2019. Out of total 14 doubling projects, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, 04 projects of 724 km length, costing ₹10,144 crore have been included in the Budget, during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Railway Electrification:- Presently, Indian Railways have taken up 62 Railway Electrification projects of length 29,537 km costing ₹30,915 crore, which are in different stages of execution/Planning. Out of which, commissioning of 4,521 km length has been achieved and expenditure of

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₹9,152 crore incurred upto March, 2019. Total 64 Railway Electrification projects of 24,089 km length, costing ₹23,396 crore have been included in the Budget during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

These 62 projects includes 21 electrification projects of 5,360 km length and costing ₹4,904 crore falling fully/partly in the state of Rajasthan. Out of which, commissioning of 865 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹1,485 crore incurred upto March, 2019. Total 20 Railway Electrification projects of 4,022 km length falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan, costing ₹3,315 crore have been included in the Budget during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Signalling:- Presently, Indian Railways have taken up 877 projects (each costing above ₹2.5 crore) for upgradation of signalling system amounting to ₹23,429.76 crore, which are in different stage of execution. Out of above 877 projects, 205 projects amounting to ₹3,842 crore have been completed. Expenditure of ₹6,332 crore incurred up to March 2019. Out of total 877 projects, 361 projects costing ₹7,953 crore have been included in the Budget during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The above 877 projects includes 50 projects amounting to ₹756.47 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan and expenditure of ₹219.24 crore have been incurred upto March 2019. Out of 50 projects, 9 projects amounting ₹92.44 crore have been completed. Out of total 50 projects, 32 projects and costing ₹458 crore have been included in the Budget during last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

(b): The details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget).

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(c): The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors vary from project to project and site to site and affect the completion time and cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

In the overall interest of the nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various levels (field level, divisional level, zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are held with the officials of State Government and concerned authorities to resolve the pending issues that are obstructing the progress of projects.

To ensure that projects are completed even before time, Railway has adopted the concept of incentives to the contractor in the form of bonus clause in contracts which will further enhance the pace of execution of projects.

For capacity enhancement projects, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan of ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.
