

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2140
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

ON-GOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

2140. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the on-going railway projects in West Bengal;**
- (b) the current status of each railway projects as on date;**
- (c) whether any project is lagging behind the schedule; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 2140 BY SHRI DILIP GHOSH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

(a) to (d): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. Projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise. However, presently 54 projects (16 new lines, 04 gauge conversions and 34 doublings), costing ₹43,033 crore, covering a length of 4,422 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal are in different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of which 1,891 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,965 crore has been incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹1393 crore has been provided for the current financial year 2019-20 for these projects. This includes:

- 16 new lines projects covering a length of 1,541 km, costing ₹17,866 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 688 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹7232 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹378 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects .**
- 4 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1200 km, costing ₹6,656 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 821 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹3,305 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹89 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects.**
- 34 doubling projects covering a length of 1680 km, costing ₹18,512 crore. Out of which, commissioning of 383 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹4426 crore incurred upto March'19. An outlay of ₹925 crore has been provided for the current financial year for these projects.**

The project-wise details including expenditure incurred, and outlay 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).

Budget Allocation:

- **Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of West Bengal has been enhanced to ₹4612 crore per year (during 2014-19) from ₹4380 crore per year (during 2009-14), which is 105% of average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**
- **Total allocation of Budget for infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of West Bengal, in 2019-20 is ₹5033 crore, which is 115 % of average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.**

The completion of Railway projects depend 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. As such, no confirmed time line can be given for completion of these projects.