

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS

**†1839. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects sanctioned in the country including Maharashtra, specially Osmanabad (parliamentary constituency) during the last five years, zone-wise;**
- (b) the details of railway projects completed ahead of schedule and the name of projects which are pending in Maharashtra, specially in Osmanabad (parliamentary constituency);**
- (c) the details of delayed projects whose cost has increased along with the reasons for the delay and the time by when these projects are likely to be completed; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS 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. 1839 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR AND SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries. The details of new Railway projects (Zone wise) of New line, Doubling and Gauge Conversion included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals during the last 5 years are as under:-

Zonal Railway	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Central Railway	7	3	4	2	0
Eastern Railway	2	0	0	1	0
East Central Railway	7	1	4	5	0
East Coast Railway	2	1	1	2	0
Northern Railway	6	7	2	8	0
North Central Railway	9	5	10	1	0
North Eastern Railway	9	5	0	1	0
Northeast Frontier Railway	2	5	0	2	1
North Western Railway	0	2	2	5	0
Southern Railway	2	1	2	4	0
South Central Railway	1	1	1	3	0
South Eastern Railway	3	2	5	4	0
South East Central Railway	2	0	1	1	0
South Western Railway	1	1	6	3	0
Western Railway	3	20	3	2	0
West Central Railway	3	0	0	2	0

One New line project Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad (84.40 Km) has been sanctioned during 2018-19.

As on 01.04.2021, 35 Projects costing ₹91,137 crore for 6,142 km length falling fully/partly in Maharashtra including Osmanabad are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 906 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,008 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. These include-

- 16 New Line Projects covering a length of 2,017 km at a cost of ₹49,221 crore, out of which 62 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,563 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**
- 2 Gauge Conversion Projects covering a length of 580 km at a cost of ₹6,261 crore, out of which 277 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,261 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**
- 17 Doubling Projects covering a length of 3,545 km at a cost of ₹35,655 crore, out of which 567 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,184 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.**

Maharashtra is covered by Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway Zone of Indian Railways.

Details of all ongoing Railway projects including cost, expenditure 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) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Maharashtra, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹4,801 crore per year from ₹1,171 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 310% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and budget outlay of ₹6,700 crore was provided for these projects for financial year 2020-21 which is 472% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹7,277 crore has been provided for these works, which is 521% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 916 km projects (87 km of New Line, 136 km of Gauge Conversion and 693 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra have been commissioned at an average rate 130.86 km per year, which is 124% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (58.4 km/year).

(b) and (c): The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage. However, Railways is making all the efforts for expeditious completion of projects.

(d): Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of projects at various levels (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
