

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK IN JABALPUR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway network is continuously expanding in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of the total number of single lines converted into double lines in the country during the last ten years, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the railway network services have also been expanded from Jabalpur; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (d): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/District wise as the Railway' projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes,

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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.

As on 01.04.2025, across Indian Railways, 431 Railway infrastructure projects (154 New Line, 33 Gauge Conversion and 244 Doubling) of total length 35,966 Km, costing approx. ₹6.75 lakh crore are sanctioned, out of which, 12,769 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.91 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of Projects	Total Length NL/GC/DL (km)	Length Commissioned till Mar'25 (Km)	Total Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	154	16,142	3,036	1,45,318
Gauge Conversion	33	4,180	2,997	22,753
Doubling / Multitracking	244	15,644	6,736	1,22,858
Total	431	35,966	12,769	2,90,929

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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The details of commissioning / laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	7,599 Km	4.2 Km/day
2014-25	34,428 Km	8.57 Km/day (more than 2 times)

The details of conversion of single line sections to multi-track sections across Indian Railways is given below:-

Period	Doubling Commissioned	Average commissioning of Doubling
2009-14	1875 Km	375 Km/ year
2014-25	18,558 Km	1687 Km/ year (Nearly 5 times)

The Average Annual Budget allocation for multi-tracking projects across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹2,461 crore/year
2014-25	₹20,882 crore (More than 8 times)

Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Madhya Pradesh are covered by South East Central Railway, West Central Railway, Central Railway, North Western Railway, East Central Railway, North Central Railway and Western Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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During the last three years i.e. FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the current FY, 59 surveys (17 New Line and 42 Doubling) of total length 5,523 Km have been sanctioned fully/partly in the state of Madhya Pradesh including Jabalpur such as:-

(i) Doubling of Gondia-Jabalpur line (231 km). Detailed Project Report has been prepared with the project having an estimated cost of ₹4671 Crore;

(ii) 3rd line between Manikpur-Jabalpur-Itarsi (519 km). Detailed Project Report has been prepared with the project having an estimated cost of ₹9461 Crore.

After firming up of Detailed Project Report, sanctioning of the project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc.
