

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2828
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

KATGHORA-DONGARGARH NEW RAIL LINE PROJECT

†2828. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Katghora-Dongargarh new railway line project in Chhattisgarh is currently pending at any level and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether this project is pending at Railway Board or any other level and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of approvals, sanctions and clearances yet to be obtained/pending for the implementation of the project;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from Chhattisgarh Government regarding amendment in alignment or other aspects of the project and if so, the action taken thereon;**
- (e) the current estimated cost of the project and whether any amendment has been made to it since its initial approval; and**
- (f) the likely timeline for starting the construction work of the project and granting the remaining approvals?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): Katghora – Dongargarh New Broad Gauge Electrified Rail Line Project (294Km.) has been sanctioned on debt (75%) - equity (25%) basis at a cost of ₹ 5,950 Cr. The project is being executed by Chhattisgarh Railway Corporation Limited (CRCL), a Joint Venture of Govt. of Chhattisgarh (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%).

There was issue of the alignment of the project earlier, therefore, the project could not start. Now the issue has been resolved. In the recent meeting between Hon'ble Chief Minister/Chhattisgarh and Minister of Railways, it has been decided to take up the work as per the original approved alignment.

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Railway Budget:

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-2014	₹311 Cr./year
2026-2027	₹7,470 Cr. (approx. 24 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	32 Km	6.4 Km per year
2014-26	1,311 Km	109.29 Km per year (17 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 36 projects (8 New Lines and 28 Doubling), of total length of 2,398 Km, costing ₹48,202 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh are Sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp upto March 2026 (₹in cr.)
NL	8	887	262	7,535
DL	28	1,512	889	11,298
TOTAL	36	2,398	1,151	18,833

Recently Completed Projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in the state of Chhattisgarh are as under:

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹in cr.)
1	Kharsia-Korichhapar New Line (43 Km)	851
2	Bilaspur-Urkura 3rd line (110 Km)	365
3	Salka Road-Khongsara doubling (26 Km)	181
4	Durg-Rajnandgaon Doubling (31 Km)	250
5	Khodri-Anuppur Doubling with flyover at Bilaspur (72 Km)	792
6	Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd Line (152 Km)	1,227
7	Pendra Road-Annupur 3rd Line (50 Km)	394
8	Raipur-Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km)	1,171
9	Dallirajahra-Rowghat (95 Km)	1,628

Ongoing Projects:

Some of the major projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh which have been taken up are as under:

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (₹in cr.)
1	Kharsia-Dharamjaygarh New Line (122 Km)	3,407

2	Gevra Road-Pendra Road New Line (135 Km)	3,724
3	Dharamjaigarh-Korba New Line (63 Km)	1,686
4	Chirimiri-Nagpur Halt New Line (17 Km)	670
5	Sardega-Bhalumunda New Line (37 Km)	1,282
6	Kharsia-Parmalkasa 5th and 6th line (278 Km)	7,854
7	Rowghat-Jagdalpur New Line (140 Km)	3,513
8	Kirandul-Jadgalpur Doubling (150 km)	1,780
9	Jagdalpur-Koraput Doubling (107 Km)	1,547
10	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur 4th line (206 Km)	2,596
11	Gevra Rd-Pendra Rd Doubling (135 Km)	3,475
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Raipur-Dhamtari&Abhanpur-Rajim gauge conversion (67.20 Km)	3,250
14	Boridand-Ambikapur Doubling (80 Km)	1,577
15	Durg-Rajnandgaon 4th line (31 Km)	464
16	Gondia-Dongargarh 4th line (84 Km)	2,223
17	Baikunth-Urkura 4th line (26 Km)	426
18	Champa-Korba 3rd Line (42 Km)	755

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition**
- **Forest clearance**
- **Shifting of infringing utilities**
- **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 etc.**

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
