

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2502  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

**NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN**

**†2502. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the number of new railway lines sanctioned in Rajasthan, year-wise from June 2014 till date along with the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon so far, year-wise;**

**(b) the measures taken to provide basic amenities like modernisation of various railway stations, introduction of new trains and increase in other passenger amenities from June 2014 till date including expenditure incurred in this regard, year-wise;**

**(c) whether the department proposes to sanction Ajmer-Sawai-Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwada) via Kekari rail line;**

**(d) if so, the details of the action plan and survey report prepared so far by the department;**

**(e) whether the department proposes to sanction railway line from Pushkar to Medta, if so, the details of the action plan and survey report prepared by the Government as on date; and**

**(f) the extant rules for the allotment of tea stalls, book stalls etc. by the Railways at various railway stations of the country and the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2502 BY DR. RAGHU SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.08.2018 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN**

**(a), (c) & (d) 3 new line projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan have been included in Budget since 2014. The details are as under:-**

**(₹ in crore)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Year of inclusion in the Budget</b>	<b>Latest anticipated cost</b>	<b>Expenditure up to March, 2018</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Ajmer(Nasirabad)-Swai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) via Tonk (165 Km)</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>873.71</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>The project was sanctioned with the proviso that Govt. of Rajasthan will provide land free cost and share 50% of the construction cost as per their commitment. Now state government has expressed their inability to materialize the same. However, Final Location survey at a cost of ₹ 5.4 crore for the project has been taken up and process</b>

					<b>for bankability study has also been initiated.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Nimach-Choti Sadri-Badi Sadri (48 Km)</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>495.18</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>The project has been included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals from the Government. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared. The rate of return of project is negative i.e. (-) 3.51%</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Taranga Hill-Abu Road via Ambaji (89.38 Km)</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>1695.72</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>The project has been included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals from the Government. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared. The rate of return of the project is (-) 6.59%.</b>

**(b) Upgradation of stations is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority of works, subject to availability of**

**funds. Upgradation of stations has been undertaken under various modernization schemes such as Model Station Scheme, Modern Station Scheme and the Adarsh Station Scheme. At present, stations are undertaken for development under “Adarsh Station Scheme” which started since 2009-10. Adarsh stations are provided with additional basic facilities such as improvement to the façade, waiting room, landscaping of circulating area, signages, pay & use toilets, platforms, foot over bridge, water coolers, passenger reservation system, etc. Since 2009-10, 40 stations have been identified for development under this scheme in the State of Rajasthan. Out of these, 09 stations have been identified from 2014-15 till date and are planned to be completed by 2018-19.**

**Expenditure incurred for development of stations under ‘Adarsh’ Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head- Passenger Amenities and maintained Zonal Railway-wise not State- wise. State of Rajasthan consists of major portion of North Western Railway and small portions of Northern Railway, North Central Railway, Western Railway and West Central Railway. Since 2014-15, an expenditure of ₹ 1511.07 crore has been incurred under Plan Head ‘Passenger Amenities’ so far by these Zonal Railways.**

**Like-wise, Indian Railways also introduce trains Zone-wise not State-wise, whose jurisdiction cuts across the State boundaries. During the period June, 2014 to June, 2018, Indian Railways have introduced 11 pairs of Passenger and 19 pairs of Mail/Express trains originating/terminating at different stations located in the State of Rajasthan.**

**(e) Pushkar-Merta (59 Km) new line project has been included in the Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. Government of Rajasthan has been requested to provide land free of cost for the project and to share 50% cost of construction. Project could not be taken forward as it is financially not viable and there is large shelf of throwforward of ongoing projects.**

**(f) As per the Catering Policy 2017 dated 27.02.2018, Catering stall including Tea stalls at station are to be allotted through tender system to highest eligible bidder. Tenders are invited by the Divisions from time to time as per requirement of Catering Units at stations to cater to the needs of travelling passengers.**

**Ministry of Railways has notified a new Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) policy on 05.09.2017. As per MPS policy, all Miscellaneous/curio stall, bookstalls (other than philanthropic), Chemist stalls/Corners have been brought under the purview of MPS Policy 2017. Accordingly, allotment of MPS at all category of stations will be done through e-tendering/normal tendering process. Financial bids will be called for from eligible bidders and licence will be awarded to the highest eligible bidder.**

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