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## **Rajasthan's Railway Renaissance: Connecting the Land of Royalty on Tracks of Progress**

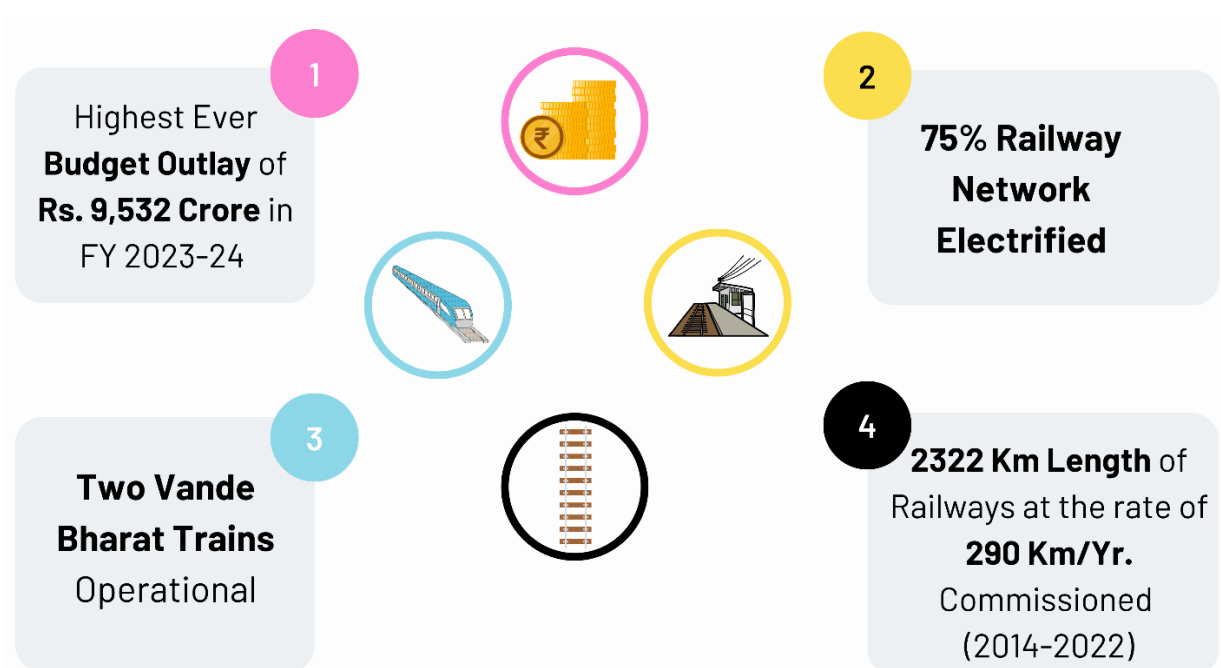
*Highest-Ever Budget Outlay of Rs. 9,532 Crore in FY 2023-24*

*2322 Km length of Railways at the rate of 290 Km/Yr. Commissioned (2014-22)*

*75% Railway Network Electrified; Two Vande Bharat Trains operational*

The Government of India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, has undertaken significant measures to transform the railway infrastructure in Rajasthan. With a keen focus on bolstering connectivity, efficiency, safety, and overall passenger experience, Union Government has undertaken several remarkable initiatives. These include a substantial increase in budget allocation, facilitating the electrification of railway lines, introducing the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat trains, modernizing railway stations, and establishing a Dedicated Freight Corridor.

The Government of India has significantly increased the budget allocation for the development of railways in Rajasthan. For FY 2023-24, the **highest-ever budget outlay of Rs. 9,532 crore** has been provided, which is 1298 per cent more than the average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 (Rs. 682 crore per year).



Further, during 2014-22, **2322 Km length** (176 km of New line, 771 km Gauge conversion and 1,375 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Rajasthan has been commissioned at an

**average rate 290.25 km per year**, which is **82% more** than commissioning during 2009-14 (159.6 Km/Yr.). Additionally, the **electrification of over 75 per cent of Rajasthan's network** has been completed in the last nine years.

In addition, the introduction of Vande Bharat trains, a modern and high-speed train service, has greatly improved connectivity within the state and enhanced the travel experience for passengers. At present, India Railways is operating **two Vande Bharat trains** in Rajasthan: 1) Delhi Cantt. – Ajmer and 2) Jodhpur – Ahmedabad.

Complementing these advancements, the Government has also focused on the modernization of railway stations in Rajasthan, improving passenger amenities and overall accessibility. On July 08, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the **redevelopment of the Bikaner railway station** and on May 10, 2023, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the **redevelopment of Udaipur railway station**.

Moreover, the development of **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor** will play an instrumental role in increasing connectivity, industrial growth, employment prospects, and overall economic prosperity in Rajasthan.

The multifaceted steps by the Government of India signal a new era of progress for Rajasthan's railways, paving the way for enhanced connectivity and sustainable development in the region.

**Source:** [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 4795 dated 29.03.2023

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