GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1548
ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

GADAG-WADI RAILWAYS LINE PROJECT

1548. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects which are under construction in Karnataka State including the ongoing project of Gadag-Wadi new railway line project;

(b) the amount provided for Gadag-Wadi new railway line project; and

(c) by when this project is going to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1548 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.09.2020 REGARDING GADAG-WADI RAILWAYS LINE PROJECT

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise, as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2020, total 36 projects (21 New Line and 15 Doubling) of total length 4,529 Km, costing ₹ 49,536 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka including Gadag – Wadi New line Project are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution. Up to March, 2020, 935 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹13,618 crore has been incurred.

(b): Budget Estimate (BE) outlay during 2020-21 for Gadag-Wadi new line project is ₹156 crore.

(c): The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition, forest clearance, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances, 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 due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors vary from site to site and affect the completion time of the project. Therefore, confirmed time line for completion of the project cannot be ascertained at this stage.

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