

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.199
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

199. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has expressed its inability to share the cost for construction of the new line between Nadikudi and Sri Kalahasti;
- (b) if so, the likely future of the project after State Government's refusal;
- (c) whether State Government has also expressed unwillingness to share cost of other railway infrastructure projects, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry considers alternate investment proposals to ensure completion of such ongoing projects;
- (e) the status of the project involving doubling of railways line between Guntur and Guntakal; and
- (f) the nature of development planned forNarasaraopet and Vinukonda railway stations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.199 BY SHRI G.V.L.NARASIMHA RAO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.08.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) and (b) Nadikudi–Srikalasti new line project of 309 km length was included in Budget 2011-12. Sanctioned cost of the project is ₹ 2643 Cr. Project is on cost sharing basis with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, in which Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of project.

The anticipated cost of the project is ₹ 5,000 cr. So far an expenditure of ₹ 1144 Cr has been incurred, Govt of Andhra Pradesh has deposited only ₹ 6 Cr towards their share in the project. Budget outlay of ₹ 95 Cr from General Budgetary Support (GBS) and ₹ 1144.35 Cr State deposit has been provided for financial year 2021-22 for the project.

Project involves acquisition of 2220 hectare land out of which Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has handed over only 1269 hectare land. Govt of Andhra Pradesh is to expedite balance land acquisition. Execution of project has been taken up in three phases, as below:

- i) Phase -I: New Piduguralla- Savalyapuram (45.55Km) completed and commissioned on March 2020 .
- ii) Phase -II: Gundlakamma-Kanigiri (80Km) tenders awarded for Earth work and Bridges, 70% works completed, and work has been taken up on two Important Bridges across River Penna (span 25X 45.70 meter) and Buggeru (span 8X45.70 meter), 10% work completed .
- iii) Phase -III: Kanigiri- Venkatagiri(Short of Srikalahasti)- (180 Km): Land acquisition taken up.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has to deposit ₹ 1351.50 crore towards their cost share in the project. Government of Andhra Pradesh is not depositing their cost share in the project. Execution of the project is held up on this account. Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter dated 03.11.2020 has stated that the State Government will bear land cost only i.e. State Government refused to share construction cost of the project.

Since Government of Andhra Pradesh has refused to continue with already agreed cost sharing arrangement for the project, therefore execution of project is held up on this account.

(c) and (d) Railway has taken up 10 Projects on cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh. These include 05 New line projects of total length 958 Km costing ₹ 13,399 crore and 05 doubling projects of total length 811 Km costing ₹ 8935 Cr. An amount of ₹ 3263 crore is outstanding towards State costs share from Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of Andhra Pradesh is not depositing their share in cost sharing projects and therefore execution of these cost sharing projects is severely affected on this account.

Presently across Indian Railways, 484 Railway projects (187 New Line, 46 Gauge Conversion and 251 Doubling) of 51,165 Km length, costing approx. ₹ 7.53 lakh crore are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 10,638 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2.14 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. Total throwforward of these projects is ₹ 5.39 Lakh cr.

Out of these projects, 52 projects (43 New Line, 01 Gauge Conversion and 08 Doubling) of 6,560 km length, costing approximately ₹ 1 lakh crore have been taken up on cost sharing with different State Governments and amount of ₹ 6389 Cr is outstanding towards cost share of State Governments in these projects, owing to large shelf of projects of total throwforward ₹ 5.39 Lakh cr, it is not possible for Indian Railways to take up all these cost sharing projects solely with Railways fund. Indian Railways is regularly following up with concerned State Governments for depositing their cost share in cost sharing projects.

(e) 401 Km long Guntur-Guntakal doubling with electrification was sanctioned in 2017-18 at cost of ₹ 3631 Cr . So far an expenditure of ₹ 1276 Cr. has been incurred and budget outlay of ₹ 364 Cr. has been provided for Financial Year 2021-22. Project involves acquisition of 197 hectare private land, 07 hectare Government land and forest land diversion of 31 hectare forest land, out of which 14 hectare private land has been acquired . Government of Andhra Pradesh is to expedite balance land acquisition and forest land diversion. 80 km doubling has been commissioned and work has been taken up in remaining section in available land.

(f) Following developmental activities have been planned at Narsaraopet and Vinukonda Railways Stations under this project.

(i) Narsaraopet : additional station building of 330 square meter, existing low level platform of size 384 meter(m) x 5.40 m will be replaced with a high level platform of 550 m x 11 m alongwith 800 square meter platform shelter and other amenities, replacement of old foot over bridge and improvements to the existing Home Platform and circulating area.

(ii) Vinukonda: additional station building of 612.51 square meters area, existing High Level platform no. 1 of size 458 m × 10.0 m will be extended to 550 m × 10.0 m, existing high level platform No.2 of size 537 m × 10.20 m will be replaced with new high level platform of size 550m × 11.0m alongwith 440 square meter platform shelter and other amenities and replacement of old foot over bridge by new foot over bridge.
