

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 1255**  
**ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

**RAILWAY WORKS IN SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY ZONE**

1255 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of electrification work between Chikka Banavara-Hassan, Hassan-Subrahmanya Road, Subrahmanya Road-Mangaluru Junction;
- (b) by when electrification would be completed and MEMU trains be introduced on the said routes;
- (c) the number of railway stations in South Western Railway (SWR) Zone and number of stations equipped with electronic interlocking system;
- (d) by when this system would be introduced in other stations; and
- (e) whether Railways plan to reduce travel time between Bengaluru-Mumbai and Bengaluru-New Delhi to 12 and 24 hours respectively?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1255 BY SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 16.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY WORKS IN SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY ZONE**

(a) Electrification works on Chikbanavar-Solur (33 Route km) section have been completed. Electrification works are in different stages of execution on Solur-Hassan (133 Route km), Hassan-Subrahmanya Road (87 Route km) and Subrahmanya Road-MangaluruJn (96 Route km) sections.

The completion of Electrification project depends upon various factors like clearances from the concerned Departments/State Governments/Central Ministries, completion of Transmission Line works by State Power Utilities and resolution of law & order issues during execution, which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.

(b) At present, introduction of MEMU trains on Chikbanavar-Hassan, Hassan-Subrahmanya Road and Subrahmanya Road-Mangaluru sector is operationally not feasible as these are non-electrified sections.

(c)& (d) Total number of stations in South Western Railway (SWR) are 295 out of which 143 stations are equipped with electronic interlocking as on date 30.11.2022. Replacement work of stations with Electronic Interlocking is being done on the basis of codal life. In current year i.e. 2022-23 two stations of SWR are planned for provision of Electronic Interlocking.

(e) Speeding up of trains on Indian Railways (IR) is an ongoing exercise. The trains are charted keeping in view the speed potential of the rolling stock used and also Maximum Permissible Speed of the concerned sections. It is also dependent on factors like condition of track, upgradation of signaling system and interlocking, upgradation of rolling stock, availability of double/multiple lines etc, which is also a continuous exercise.

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