

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2056
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

NARSAPUR – KOTIPALLY RAILWAY LINE

2056 SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Narsapur – Kotipally railway line project has been stalled due to non- release of the due share of funds by State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways will come forward to complete the project on its own due to the failure of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to release its share for the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2056 BY SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING NARSAPUR – KOTIPALLY RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (d) Kotipalli-Narsapur (57.21 km) new line Project was sanctioned in 2000-01 with 25% cost sharing by Government of Andhra Pradesh. Sanctioned cost of the project is ₹ 2120 crore and an expenditure of ₹ 1091 crore has been incurred till date. So far Government of Andhra Pradesh has deposited only ₹ 2.69 crore towards their share in project and amount of ₹ 354 crore is outstanding from Government of Andhra Pradesh towards their share in project. Works on Kotipalli-Narsapur new line project is held up as Government of Andhra Pradesh is not depositing their outstanding cost share for the project.

Project involves acquisition of 369 hectare land, out of which 163 hectare land has been acquired. Works on three important bridges have been taken up.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹ 2830 crore per year from ₹ 886 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, an increase of 219% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3885 crore in 2019-20 (338% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 4910 crore in 2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 6223 crore in financial year 2021-22 (602% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23 the highest ever budget allocation of ₹ 7,032 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 694% more than the average of 2009-14 (₹ 886 Cr/Yr.).

Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project/s site etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, Railway is making all effort for expeditious completion of project/s.

During 2014-22, 989 Km sections (350 km of New line and 639 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 123.63 km per year, which is 70% more than commissioning during 2009-14(72.6 Km/Yr).