

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 474
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

474 DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the railway zones covered for implementing railway infrastructure projects in Karnataka;
- (b) the details of railway projects being implemented in Karnataka, zone-wise;
- (c) the total allocation of budget towards developing railways in Karnataka along with the projects proposed, total funds allocated, expected project outcomes and the expected year of completion;
- (d) the total budget allocated for various projects and for the development projects of the Southern Railway (SR) and Konkan Railway during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of major railway projects implemented/being implemented in coastal Karnataka region?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 474 BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a): Railway infrastructure project in Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Railway.

(b) to (e): As on 01.04.2022, 32 projects (21 new lines and 11 doubling) of total length 4,330 Km, costing ₹49,087 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 1,305 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,258 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

- 21 new line projects of total length 2,583 Km, costing ₹32,900 crore, out of which 319 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,162 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.
- 11 doubling projects of total length 1,747 Km, costing ₹16,187 crore, out of which 986 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,096 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Zone-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year) > Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like deposition of cost share by cost sharing authority in cost sharing project(s), 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 site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects and commensurate commissioning of Projects in Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation for these works during 2014-19 increased to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per year during 2009 - 14 (224% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation increased to ₹3,386 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (306% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹4,220 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (405% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹4,297 crore for Financial year 2021-22(415% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹6,091 crore has been provided for these works, which is 629% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 1347 Km length (303 Km of New line and 1,044 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka has been commissioned at an average rate 168.38 km per year, which is 49% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (113 Km/Yr.).
