

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1085
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

RAILWAY PROJECTS

1085 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is true that more than Rs. 70,000 crores worth of different railway projects covering fully / partially Andhra Pradesh are pending for completion;
- (b) if so, details of new lines, doubling, electrification, etc., pending for completion;
- (c) timeline for completion of the above works;
- (d) budget allocated for each of the project falling fully/ partially in Andhra Pradesh in 2023-24 Budget; and
- (e) annual average budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works in AP since 2014-15.

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.1085 BY SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (e) Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise not State wise as Railways' project/s may span across state boundaries. However, As on 01.04.2022, 31 Railway infrastructure projects(16 New Lines and 15 Doubling), covering total length of 5,581 km, costing ₹70,594 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are under different stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 636 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,414 crore has been incurred upto March 2022. These include:

- 16 New Line Projects, of total length 1,917 km at a cost of ₹ 25,809Crore, out of which 130 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,201 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.
- 15 Doubling Projects, of total length 3,664 km at a cost of ₹ 44,785 Crore, out of which 506 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹15,213 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.

As far as electrification is concerned, presently, no Railway Electrification project falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is pending for completion.

Railway infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway Zones of Indian Railway. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenses future 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) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Railway has taken up 07 projects of total cost ₹17,073 crore; on cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh. An expenditure of ₹7,732 crore has been incurred on the projects. An amount of ₹3,723 crore is outstanding from Government of Andhra Pradesh towards their share in these projects.

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.

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.).

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 commissioning than during 2009-14(72.6 Km/Yr.) in undivided Andhra Pradesh.
