

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3486
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

DELAY IN MMTS PHASE II PROJECT

3486 . DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government of Telangana is not releasing its share of funds and not giving land for implementing Railway Projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to the delay in payment of share by Government of Telangana, the Multi Modal Transport System phase II of Hyderabad is being delayed; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government for the completion of this project?

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.3486 BY DR. K. LAXMAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING DELAY IN MMTS PHASE II PROJECT

(a) and (b) Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not division wise as Railway Projects may span across division boundaries.

As on 01.04.2022, 13 Railway infrastructure Projects (8 New Lines and 5 Doubling), costing ₹ 30,062 crore for 2,390 km length falling fully/partly in Telangana are under different stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 272Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,514Cr. has been incurred upto March 22. These include:

- 8 New Line projects covering a length of 1,053 km at a cost of ₹ 16,686 cr, out of which 221 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,596 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.
- 5 Doubling projects covering a length of 1,337 km at a cost of ₹13,376 cr, out of which 52Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,918 crore .has been incurred upto March 22.

Railway has taken up 05 projects (Manoharabad-Kotapalli, Bhadrachallam-Kovvur, Aknapet-Medak, Bhadrachalam-Satupalli and Hyderabad Multi Modal Transport System Phase II of total cost ₹7350 crore, on cost sharing basis with Government of Telangana. An Expenditure of ₹2588 crore has been incurred on the projects. So far Government of Telangana has deposited ₹1279 crore towards their share. An amount of ₹986 crore is outstanding from Government of Telangana towards their share in these projects.

Total land acquisition of 2095 Ha revenue land and forest land diversion 56 Ha forest land is required for ongoing railway projects in Telangana. Out of which 1918 Ha revenue land has been acquired and forest land diversion of 41 Ha forest land has been completed. Land acquisition of balance 177 Ha revenue land and forest diversion of 15 Ha land are in different stages.

Railway Projects in Telangana covered by South Central Railway Zone of Indian Railway. Project wise details including expenditure and Budget 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) >Regular Budget/Pink Book(year)>Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Telangana, during 2014-19 was ₹1110 crore per year. Annual budget allocation has been increased to ₹2056 crore in financial year 2019-20, ₹2,602 crore in financial year 2020-21, ₹2486 crore in financial year 2021-22 and ₹3,048 crore for financial year 2022-23. For financial year 2023-24 highest ever budget outlay of ₹4418 crore has been proposed.

During 2014-22, 440 Km sections (229 km New line and 211 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Telangana have been commissioned at an average rate 55.00 km per year, which is 216% more than average commissioning during 2009-14(17.4 Km/Yr.)

The completion of Railway projects depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share amount by State Government in cost sharing projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of projects site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the projects, with these constraints Railway is making all efforts for completion of projects expeditiously.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in Ministry of Railways and Gati Shakti Units in divisions (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

(c) & (d) The Multi Modal Transport System Phase II project was sanctioned at a cost of ₹816.55 crores to be shared between Ministry of Railways and Government of Telangana in the ratio 1:2. Out of Government of Telangana share of ₹544.36 crores, only ₹279.02 crore has been released by Government of Telangana till date. In spite of several request by Ministry of Railways, balance fund of ₹265.34 crore is yet to be received from Government of Telangana. Ministry of Railways has released more than its share in the project. There is no State Government land involved in the Multi Modal Transport System phase II project.