#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3495 ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

## RAILWAY PROJECTS AND STATION DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

#### 3495 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of ongoing railway projects in Andhra Pradesh, their length, cost, details thereof;
- (b) list of the above projects, nature of the project, route, likely date of completion, reasons for delay of each project;
- (c) average annual budget for Railways in Andhra Pradesh between 2009 to 2014 and in 2023-24:
- (d) budget for 2023 -24 for Andhra Pradesh and break-up by major heads;
- (e) list of stations selected for Amrit Bharat Scheme in Andhra Pradesh and proposed improvements;
- (f) stations selected for redevelopment in Andhra Pradesh, budget status; and
- (g) stations where techno-economic feasibility studies are underway for redevelopment, progress thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

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

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**STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3495 BY SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS AND STATION DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

- (a) to (d) 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, covering total length of 1,917 km, costing ₹25,809 Crore, 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, covering total length of 3,664 km, costing ₹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.

Railway infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway Zonal Railway zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, 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.

The completion of Railway project/s 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 project/s 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 project/s with above constraints.

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 which is 219% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14. Annual budget outlay for these projects have been increased to ₹3885 crore in financial year (FY) 2019-20 (338% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹4910 crore in financial year (FY)2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹6223 crore in financial year 2021-22 (602% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹7032 crore in financial year 2022-23 (694% more than the average of 2009-14 (₹ 886 Cr/Yr.). For financial year 2023-24 the highest ever budget allocation of ₹8,406 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 849% more than the average of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 989 Km sections (350 km 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.)

(e) to (g) The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has recently been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

Presently, 1275 railway stations have been identified for development under this scheme including 72 in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Work is in progress at 53 stations under this scheme. Other Railway Stations are at different stages of tendering and planning. List of identified stations are appended.

Station Development related works are generally funded under Plan Head – 53 Customer Amenities. The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including 'Amrit

Bharat Station Scheme' are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not station wise or State wise. Zone wise details of funds allocated under Budgetary sources under Plan Head 53 'Customer Amenities' covering Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

### (₹ in crore)

Zonal Railways	Allocation 2022-23
East Coast	109.53
Southern	327.78
South Central	135.15
South Western	137.94

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S.No.	State	Count	Name of Stations
1	Andhra Pradesh	72	Adoni, Anakapalle, Anantapur, Anaparthi, Araku, Bapatla, Bhimavaram Town, Bobbili Jn, Chipurupalli, Chirala, Chittoor,
	Tradesii		Cuddapah, Cumbum, Dharmavaram, Dhone, Donakonda, Duvvada, Elamanchili , Eluru, Giddalur, Gooty, Gudivada , Gudur, Gunadala , Guntur, Hindupur, Ichchpuram, Kadiri, Kakinada Town , Kottavalasa, Kuppam, Kurnool city , Macherla, Machilipatnam , Madanapalli Road, Mangalagiri, Markapuram Road, Matralayam Road, Nadikude Jn, Nandyal, Narasaraopet, Narsapur , Naupada Jn, Nellore, Nidadavolu, Ongole, Pakala, Palasa, Parvatipuram, Piduguralla, Piler, Rajampet, Rajamundry, Rayanapadu , Renigunta, Repalle, Samalkot , Sattenapalle, Simhachalam, Singaraykonda, Sri Kalahasti, Srikakulam Road, Sullurpeta, Tadepalligudem, Tadipatri, Tenali , Tirupati, Tuni , Vijayawada, Vinukonda, Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram Jn

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