

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1897
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

**NEW RAILWAY LINE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
SANCTIONED FOR VISAKHAPATNAM REGION**

1897 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway Board has given sanction for construction of 3rd and 4th lines between Visakhapatnam-Gopalapatnam;
- (b) if so, details including budget, timeframe for completion, project benefits, land acquisition status etc.;
- (c) whether the 3rd and 4th line between Duvvada-Simhachalam North stations and 3rd and 4th lines between Vadlapudi-Gate Junction cabin are also sanctioned;
- (d) if so, details of each including budget, timeframe, benefits, land acquisition;
- (e) budget sanctioned for new rail flyover project between Pendurthi and Simhachalam North stations, details including cost sharing land acquisition; and
- (f) other rail flyover projects proposed in Visakhapatnam region and reasons for pendency of sanction?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897 BY SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR VISAKHAPATNAM REGION

(a) to (f): The Project of 3rd and 4th lines between Visakhapatnam-Gopalapatnam (15.31 km) has been sanctioned on 27.04.2023 at a cost of ₹159.47 Crore. The Project of 3rd and 4th line between Duvvada-Simhachalam North (20.543 km) has been sanctioned on 11.04.2023 at a cost of ₹302.25 Crore. The Project of 3rd and 4th lines between Vadlapudi-Gate Junction cabin including Tie line between Gangavaram Port-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (12.04 km) has been sanctioned on 11.04.2023 at a cost of ₹154.28 Crore. Work of rail flyover between Pendurti and Simhachalam North at Simhachalam (7.135 km) has been sanctioned on 11.04.2023 at a cost of ₹183.65 Crore.

These projects are required to remove capacity constraints, reduce detention of trains and for catering future traffic growth. Land Acquisition works have been taken up.

The Railway projects are sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State/region-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State/region boundaries. Visakhapatnam falls in East Coast Railway (ECoR) Zone. As on 01.04.2023, 27 nos. of survey works of total length 1500 km have been taken up in ECoR Zone.

The 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 site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage.
