

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1559
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

1559 SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:
SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the current status of ongoing railway projects in Karnataka, including those announced in the last five General Budgets;
- (b) the details of railway projects announced in the last five General Budgets for Karnataka that have not commenced, project-wise, and the reasons for the delay and the timeframe for completion of the projects; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated/spent, as well as unspent funds for these projects in the last three years, project-wise, and the reasons for any funds remaining unutilized?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1559 BY SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA AND SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a) to (c): As on 01.04.2023, total 31 projects (21 new lines and 10 Doubling) of 3,866 km length, costing ₹47,346 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/approval/construction stage. These include:-

- 21 New Line Projects of total length 2,583 km at a cost of ₹33,218 crore, out of which 366 Km length has been commissioned.
- 10 Doubling Projects of total length 1,283 km at a cost of ₹14,128 crore, out of which 80 Km length has been commissioned.

Total 09 projects (05 new line and 04 doubling) of 524 Km length falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka have been included in the Budget in last five years (2018-19 to 2022-23 & current Financial Year 2023-24). In these projects, an expenditure of ₹319 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023 and an outlay of ₹475 crore has been provided for Financial Year 2023-24.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are covered under South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Zone of Indian Railway. Zone-wise and Year-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

The completion of any Railway project 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 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. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Karnataka is as under:-

| Period | Average Outlay | Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14 |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| 2009-14 | ₹835 crore/year | - |
| 2023-24 | ₹7,561 crore | 806% more |

Commissioning of Infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in State of Karnataka is as under:-

| Period | Total Track Commissioned | Average Track Commissioned | Percentage more as compared to average commissioning during 2009-14 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2009-14 | 565 Km | 113 Km/Year | - |
| 2014-23 | 1,566 Km | 174 Km/Year | 54% |

Details of funds allocated year-wise to sanctioned project for last five year and current year are tabulated as follows:-

| Period | Budget Outlay |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 2019-20 | ₹3,386 crore |
| 2020-21 | ₹4,220 crore |
| 2021-22 | ₹4,297 crore |
| 2022-23 | ₹6,091 crore |
| 2023-24 | ₹7,561 crore |
