

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.922
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

RAILWAYS PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

922. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway stations in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts in Karnataka;
- (b) the details of railway projects/works planned, ongoing and pending in the above districts;
- (c) whether Government has any plans for development of these railway stations with modern infrastructure, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to augment the rail network/connectivity and train services in these districts of Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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. 922 BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA.

(a) to (e) : Indian Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not district-wise as the projects may span across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2023, total 31 projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/approval/construction stage. These projects 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 and 10 Doubling Projects of total length 1,283 km at a cost of ₹14,128 crore, out of which 780 Km length has been commissioned.

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	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹835 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹7,561 crore	9 times

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

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	565 Km	113 Km/Year	-
2014-23	1,566 Km	174 Km/Year	1.5 times

Completion/Execution of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities etc. and all these factors affect the execution and completion time of the project/s.

Besides, Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. So far, 1318 Railway Stations including 59 stations in the State of Karnataka have been identified for upgradation/modernisation over Indian Railways under this scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach to improve the amenities like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information system, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

As the Railway network straddles across State/district boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic demand, operational feasibility, and availability of resources, etc.
