

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 934
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

MULTI-TRACKS ON BUSY ROUTES

934 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways proposed Rs. 4 lakh crore for multi-tracks on busy routes in the country for introducing faster passenger trains and also for quicker movement of goods trains;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that three routes pass through Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, details of routes that cover the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) details of estimated cost of the above three routes, anticipated expenditure and by when they are likely to be completed?

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. 934 BY SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING MULTI-TRACKS ON BUSY ROUTES

(a) to (d): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State/UT-wise as the Railway projects may span across state boundaries.

Furthermore, Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Presently, 455 no. of Surveys for multi-tracking projects having a total length of 29,381 km have been taken up on Indian Railways which include 31 surveys for multi-tracking projects of length 3,647 km falling fully/partly in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

These Multi tracking projects will enhance line capacity, provide additional passenger and freight traffic, faster movement of goods and services, reduce operational bottlenecks, provide direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh are covered by South Central Railway (SCR), East Coast Railway (ECoR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Western Railway (SWR) Zone of Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2023, 33 projects (New Line and Doubling), covering total length of 5,331 km length, costing ₹68,059 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 683 km length has been commissioned upto March 2023. These include:

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- (i) 17 New Line projects covering total length of 1,935 km costing ₹25,622 crore, out of which 150 km length has been commissioned upto March 2023.
- (ii) 16 Doubling projects covering total length of 3,395 km costing ₹42,437 crore, out of which 533 km length has been commissioned upto March 2023.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Year	Budget outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-2014	₹886 cr/year	-
2023-2024	₹8406 cr	More than 9 times

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government. State Government assesses the compensation amount and advises to Railway. On receipt of demand from State Government, Railway deposits compensation amount with concerned District Land acquisition Authority. Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is held up due to delay in land acquisition and only about 2023 Hectare land has been acquired out of total requirement of about 4373 Hectare. Railway had initiated efforts for acquisition of land but could not succeed in acquiring land for projects. Support of the Government of Andhra Pradesh is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

Railway has taken up 07 projects on cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh in not depositing their share in cost sharing projects, an amount of ₹6958 crore is outstanding from Government of Andhra Pradesh towards their share in projects

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the state of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	363 km	72.6 km/Year	-
2014-23	1,266 km	140.67 km/Year	Approx 2 times

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, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of 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 and cost of the project(s). As such, the confirmed time frame for completion of projects cannot be ascertained at this stage.
