

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581**  
**ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024**

**NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS IN SWR ZONE**

581 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of new railway line projects sanctioned as on date for the last three years in South Western Railway (SWR) Zone;
- (b) the details of completion of the above sanctioned projects;
- (c) whether any feasibility study is proposed for new railway line between Kolar - Mulabagilu-Palamaner-Chittoor which will generate economic growth in this corridor including traction in rail spiritual tourism due to Chittoor connecting Tirupati hence reducing travel time, significantly; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581 BY SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS IN SWR ZONE**

(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways including Karnataka, 488 Railway Infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. ₹7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

<b>Category</b>	<b>No of Projects</b>	<b>Total Length NL/GC/DL (Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (Km)</b>	<b>Total Exp upto Mar'24 (₹ in Cr)</b>
<b>New lines</b>	187	20,199	2,855	1,60,022
<b>Gauge conversion</b>	40	4,719	2,972	18,706
<b>Doubling / Multitracking</b>	261	19,570	6,218	1,13,742
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>44,488</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>2,92,470</b>

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

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects across Indian Railways is as under:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
2009-14	₹ 11,527 crore/year
2024-25	₹ 68,634 crore (about 6 times)

The details of commissioning/laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
2009-14	7,599 km	4.2 km/day
2014-24	31,180 km	8.54 km/day ( more than 2 times)

**Karnataka:**

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 details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

As on 01.04.2024, 31 projects (21 new lines, and 10 Doubling) of total length of 3,840 Km, costing ₹47,016 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 1,302 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹17,382 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. Of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New line	21	2556	395	7592
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1284	907	9791
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3840</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>17382</b>

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Karnataka is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹835 crore/year
2024-25	₹7,559 crore ( more than 9 times)

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is given below:

Period	Total Track Commissioned
2009-14	565 Km
2014-24	1,633 Km (about 3 times)

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry 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

During last three years i.e FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and current financial year 2024-25, two (02) projects i.e. Malagur – Palasamundram (17.95 Km) New line project and Jokkate – Thokur (2 Km) Doubling Projects have been sanctioned in the State of Karnataka.

Further, survey of total 56 projects (19 new line and 37 doubling) of total length 6159 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka have been sanctioned during last three year (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current financial year 2024-25).

For connectivity between Kolar – Mulbagal – Palamaner –Chittoor, a new line project between Kolar – Mulbagal (36 Km) has been sanctioned. Total 338.38 Ha land is to be acquired. State Government has entrusted land acquisition to M/s Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for this project. Survey between Mulbagal – Palmaneer – Chittoor has been completed. As per survey report, project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection.

Sanctioning of a Railway project is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projection, 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.

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