

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 63
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025

DOUBLING AND QUADRUPLING OF KEY RAILWAY LINES IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for slow progress of doubling and quadrupling of key railway lines in Karnataka;
- (b) the year-wise breakdown of physical progress and funds allocated versus actual expenditure of doubling and quadrupling of key railway lines for these projects over the last three years;
- (c) whether Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for quadrupling the lines to Mysuru, Tumakuru and Jolarpettai from Bengaluru have been submitted to Railway Board;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the specific reasons for slow progress in the Yeshwanthpur-Channasandra and Baiyappanahalli-Hosur doubling projects; and
- (f) their new completion dates?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 BY SHRI AJAY MAKAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.07.2025 REGARDING DOUBLING AND QUADRUPLING OF KEY RAILWAY LINES IN KARNATAKA

(a) to (f): Despite the fact that Government of India has been progressively allocating record funds for railway projects, many projects in Karnataka are still delayed due to slow pace of land acquisition. Some of the projects delayed due to land acquisition are given as under:-

S No.	Project	Total Land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1	Shimoga - Rannebennur New line (96 Km)	559	226	333
2	Belgaum - Dharwad New line (73 Km)	531	0	531
3	Shimoga - Harihar New line (79 Km)	488	0	488
4	Whitefield-Kolar New line (53 km)	337	0	337
5	Hassan-Belur New Line(27 km)	206	0	206

Summary of the status of land acquisition in Karnataka is as under:-

Total Land required for Projects in Karnataka	8969 Ha
Land Acquired	5657 Ha (63%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3312Ha (37%)

Also, Hejjla-Chamrajnagar new line project is sanctioned on Cost sharing basis. However, works on this project could not be taken up as, now, the Govt. of Karnataka has not agreed for this project.

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹835 crore/year
2025-26	₹7,564 crore (more than 9 times)

To enhance railway connectivity in Karnataka, Indian Railway has taken up several projects. As on 01.04.2025, 25 projects (15 new lines, 10 Doubling) of 3,264 km length, costing ₹ 42,517 crore falling fully/partly in Karnataka are sanctioned, out of which 1,394 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,310 Crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of sanctioned Projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (Km)	Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in cr.)
New Line	15	2,034	421	8,794
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1,230	973	12,516
Total	25	3,264	1,394	21,310

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned
2009-14	565 Km	113 km/year
2014-25	1,671 Km.	152 km/year

Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise/UT wise/District wise as the Railway projects may span across State/UT/District boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

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) zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka are as under :

S. No	Project	Cost (₹in Crores)
1	Kottur-Harihar New Line (65 km)	468
2	Hassan-Bangalore New Line (167 km)	1290
3	Bidar-Gulbarga New Line (110 km)	1543
4	Shivani-Hosadurga Road Doubling (10 km)	50
5	Shivani-Birur Doubling (29 km)	143
6	Hosadurga-Chikjajur Doubling (29 km)	260

7	Ramanagram-Mysore patch Doubling (94 km)	998
8	Yelahanka – Chennasandra Doubling (13 km)	108
9	Yeshwantpur-Yelahanka Doubling (12 km)	95
10	Netrawati-Mangalore Central Doubling (2 km)	28
11	Kankanadi-Panambur Doubling (19 km)	350
12	Arsikere-Tumkur Doubling (96 km)	758
13	Yelahanka-Penukonda Doubling (123 km)	1104
14	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (225 km)	3182
15	Hubli-Chikjajur Doubling (190 km)	1850

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka which have been taken up are as under:

S No.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Vasco-de-Gama Doubling (312 Km)	4153
2	Toranagallu-Ranjithpura Doubling (23 Km)	147
3	Hotgi-Gadag Doubling (284 Km)	2459
4	Ginigera - Raichur New line (165 Km)	3401
5	Gadag - Wadi New line (257 Km)	2842
6	Bagalkot - Kudachi New line (142 Km)	1649
7	Tumkur - Rayadurga New line (207 Km)	2496
8	Tumkur - Davangere New line (182 Km)	2142
9	Chikmagalur - Belur New line (22 Km)	290
10	Kadur - Chikmagalur New line (46 Km)	535
11	Baiyyapanahalli - Hosur Doubling (48 Km)	336
12	Yeshwanthpur - Channasandra Doubling (22 Km)	314

Yeshwanthpur-Channasandra and the Baiyappanahalli - Hosur doubling projects are being executed by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) which is a Karnataka State Government controlled company. The progress and completion of Projects depend upon land acquisition, utility shifting, forest clearances, Permission for cutting of trees etc.

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Karnataka.
