

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2360**  
**ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025**

**LONDA-MIRAJ TRACK DOUBLING PROJECT**

2360 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Londa-Miraj track doubling project and the timeline for its full completion;
- (b) the status of the proposed new railway line between Belagavi (Belgaum) and Dharwad via Kittur, including land acquisition and fund allocation;
- (c) the details of the redevelopment plan for the Belagavi Railway station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, along with the project cost and expected completion date; and
- (d) the steps being taken to introduce new train services from Belagavi to major cities like Chennai and Kolkata?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. 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)

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

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>21,310</b>

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 – Chennasadra 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

The work of Doubling of Londa-Miraj Section (186 Km) has been completed and commissioned.

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	Kadur – Chikmagalur – Belur New line (68 Km)	825
10	Baiyyapanahalli – Hosur Doubling (48 Km)	336
11	Yeshwanthpur – Channasandra Doubling (22 Km)	314

Belgaum – Dharwad via Kittur (73 Km) new line project was sanctioned in 2020-21 on cost sharing basis with State Government of Karnataka at a cost of Rs.927 cr. Government of Karnataka has to provide land free of cost and to share 50% construction cost of the project. 531 Ha land is to be acquired for this project. However, land is yet to be acquired by Govt. of Karnataka for this project.

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	3312 Ha (37%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of 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) zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Completion of Railway project/s 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/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

#### Station Redevelopment:

At Belagavi railway station, the work of coach indication boards, train indication boards, public announcement system and clocks have been completed. The works of 12 m Foot Over Bridge, lift, escalator, improvement of platform shelter, parking and circulating area have been taken up.

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, platform surfacing and cover over platform, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme have been taken up at a good pace. So far, 1337 stations including Belagavi Station have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Till now, phase-I works of 105 stations have been completed. Names of these stations are as following:

Ambikapur, Amgaon, Ayodhya Dham, Bagalkot, Baijnath Paprola, Balrampur, Bareilly City, Begumpet, Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Bijnor, Bundi, Chanda Fort, Chidambaram, Chinchpokli, Chirayinkeezh, Cuttack, Dakor, Derol, Deshnok, Devlali, Dharwad, Dhule, Dongargarh,

Fatehabad, Fatehpur Shekhawati, Gadag, Gogameri, Gokak Road, Gola Gokarnath, Gomti Nagar, Govardhan, Govind Garh, Govindpuri, Govindpur Road, Haibargaon, Hathras City, Hapa, Idgah Agra Jn., Izzatnagar, Jam Jodhpur, Jam Wanthali, Joychandi Pahar, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kanalus Jn., Karamsad, Karimnagar, Katni South, Kedgaon, Kosamba Jn., Kulitturai, Lasalgaon, Limbdi, Lonand Jn., Mahe, Mahuva, Mailani, Mandal Garh, MandawarMahwa Road, Mandi Dabwali, Mannargudi, Matunga, Mithapur, Morbi, Munirabad, Murtizapur Jn., Narmadapuram (Hoshangabad), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Okha, Orchha, Palitana, Panagarh, Parel, Pirpainti, Pokhrayan, Polur, Rajgarh, Rajmahal, Rajula Jn., Ramghat Halt, Saharanpur Jn., Samakhiyali, Samalpatti, Sankarpur, Savda, Seoni, Shahad, Shajapur, Shridham, Siddharth Nagar, Sihor Jn., Srirangam, St.Thomas Mount, Sullurpeta, Suraimanpur, Swaminarayan Chappia, Thawe, Tiruvannamalai, Ujhani, Urkura, Utran, Vadakara, Vadala Road, Vriddhachalam Jn., Warangal.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. The priority for development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the works.

Development / Upgradation of railway stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables, etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

Development / Upgradation / Modernisation of stations including under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise, or station wise or state-wise. The fund allocation of ₹ 12,118 crore has been made for the financial

year 2025-26 under Plan Head-53 and expenditure (up to June, 2025) of ₹ 2,612 crore has been incurred so far.

Trains at Belagavi Station:

Belagavi Station is presently being served by 50 Mail/Express Including 20669/20670 Hubballi-Pune Vande Bharat Express (via Belagavi) introduced w.e.f. 18.09.2024. These services are providing connectivity to various cities like Mysuru, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, etc.

Besides, Indian Railways constantly endeavours to provide/improve connectivity for the passengers, which is an on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, competing demands etc.

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