

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

DOUBLING OF CHANGANNUR-ERNAKULAM RAIL LINE

4429. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has given financial sanction for doubling of rail line project from Changannur to Ernakulam;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;**
- (c) whether the said project is likely to be completed within the scheduled time; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 4429 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2016 REGARDING DOUBLING OF CHANGANNUR-ERNAKULAM RAIL LINE

(a) to (d): About doubling of Chengannur-Ernakulam route, Ernakulam-Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara doubling (41 Km) has already been commissioned and details of balance ongoing doubling projects alongwith their present status are as under:-

S. No.	Project	Anticipated Cost (₹ in crore)	Outlay 2016-17 (₹ in crore)	Status
1.	Kuruppantara -Chingavanam (27 Km)	346	165	Final location survey completed and land acquisition papers submitted to State Government. No target date for commissioning of this project is fixed.
2.	Chingavanam-Chengannur (27 Km)	343	35	Chengannur-Tiruvalla (9 Km) commissioned and balance portion is targeted for commissioning in this financial year i.e. 2016-17 subject to availability of land.

Completion of projects depends on a number of factors such as acquisition of land, forestry and wildlife clearances, shifting of various services, construction of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges by road maintenance departments, apart from availability of adequate funds. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of the Ministry of Railways, it is not feasible to give time lines for completion of all the projects.