

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2295
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2017**

PENDING RAIL PROJECTS

†2295. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incomplete projects under South-Western railway;**
- (b) whether the pace of work under South-Western railway is extremely slow and that there is lack of transparency and accountability;**
- (c) if so, the time by which these projects are pending; and**
- (d) the time by which the pending projects will be completed?**

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. 2295 BY SHRI B.V. NAIK AND SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING PENDING RAIL PROJECTS.

(a) to (d): Details of ongoing projects for new line, gauge conversion and doubling under South Western Railway are as under:-

S. No.	Project	Year of inclusion	Status
	NEW LINE		
1.	Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur (93 Km)	1996-97	Kadur-Chikmagalur(46 Km) commissioned. For balance portion, land acquisition papers submitted to State Government.
2.	Bangalore-Chamarajanagar -Satyamangalam (260 Km)	1996-97	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government for work on Bangalore-Chamarajnagar section. Work beyond Chamarajanagar frozen for want of forestry clearance.
3.	Hubli-Ankola (167 Km)	1997-98	Project held up for want of diversion of forest land.
4.	Rayadurg-Tumkur (213 Km)	2007-08	Rayadurg-Kalyandurga (40 Km) commissioned and track linking of Kalyandurga-Kadaredevarapally(23 Km) completed. In balance Kadaredevarapally- Tumkur section, land acquisition papers submitted to State Government.
5.	Bagalkot-Kudachi (142 Km)	2010-11	Track linking of Bagalkot-khajdoni (30 Km) taken up. For balance portion, land acquisition papers submitted to State Government.
6.	Shimoga-Harihar (79 Km)	2011-12	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.

7.	Whitefield-Kolar (53 Km)	2011-12	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
8.	Marikuppam-Kuppam (24 Km)	2011-12	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
9.	Tumkur-Davangere (200 Km)	2011-12	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
10.	Gadag-Wadi (252 Km)	2013-14	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
11.	Chikballapur-Puttaparthysri Satya Sai Nilayam (103 Km)	2013-14	Projects included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. Though State Government has consented to provide free land and share 50% of construction cost of the projects, these could not be taken forward due to their unremunerative nature even with cost sharing and huge throwforward of ongoing projects.
12.	Srinivasapura-Madanapalli (75 Km)	2013-14	
13.	Chikballapur-Gowribidanur (44 Km)	2013-14	Project included in Budget subject to requisite approvals. However, it could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature and huge throwforward of ongoing projects.
	GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.	Mysore-Chamarajanagar (Ph-1) with extension to Mettupalayam (148 Km)	1997-98	Mysore-Chamarajanagar gauge conversion (60 Km) commissioned. No clearance for Chamarajanagar-Mettupalayam new line available.

	DOUBLING		
1.	Bangalore Whitefield- Bangalore City- Krishnarajapuram (23 Km)	1997-98	Government of Karnataka has not agreed to this work.
2.	Ramanagaram- Mysore doubling (91.5 Km)	2007-08	90 Km commissioned and work on 1.5 Km stretch near Shrirangapattana involving shifting of “Tippu Sulthan Armoury” taken up.
3.	Hospet-Hubli- Londa-Tinaighat- Vasco-da-Gama (352 Km)	2010-11	On Hospet-Tinaighat section, 38 Km commissioned and track linking of 109 Km completed. For Tinaighat-Vasco-da-Gama section, land acquisition papers submitted to State Government.
4.	Tornagallu- Ranjitpura (23 Km)	2011-12	Zonal Railway has been asked to explore possibility of carrying forward this project on Public Private Partnership(PPP) route under policy for “Participative Model on Railway Connectivity and Capacity Augmentation Project”.
5.	Hotgi-Kudgi- Gadag (284 Km)	2014-15	Earthwork, bridgework and ballast supply taken up. Lachyan-Minchinal section (43 Km) is targeted for completion during 2017-18.
6.	Yelahanka- Penukonda (121 Km)	2015-16	Earthwork, bridgework and ballast supply taken up.
7.	Hubli-Chikjajur (190 Km)	2015-16	Earthwork, bridgework and ballast supply taken up.
8.	Arsikere-Tumkur (96 Km)	2015-16	Earthwork, bridgework and ballast supply taken up.

9.	Birur-Shimoga (60 Km)	2016-17	Project included in the Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite clearances.
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From the above, it may be noted that the projects are progressing satisfactorily wherever there are no impediments.

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. There is no lack of transparency and accountability in this regard.
