

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

DOUBLING OF MANMAD-MUDKHED LINE

† *155. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme of doubling of 400 kilometer of Manmad-Mudkhed line has been stuck due to shortage of funds;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned/released for the project during the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to electrify this line simultaneously; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds sanctioned for electrification?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 155 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2017 REGARDING DOUBLING OF MANMAD-MUDKHED LINE

(a)&(b): Out of Manmad-Mudkhed section (371.87 Km), the doubling between Mudkhed-Parbhani (81.43 Km) has been sanctioned in 2013-14. Latest anticipated cost of this project is ₹ 390.60 crore. The section between Parbhani - Mirkhal (17 Km) has been commissioned in June 2017 and the work of Mirkhal - Mudkhed has been taken up. In the final works programme, following outlay has been given for doubling work between Mudkhed – Parbhani-

Year	Revised Budget Grant (RBG) / Outlay (₹ In Crore)
2014-15	5 (RBG)
2015-16	91 (RBG)
2016-17	88.50 (RBG)
2017-18	71 (Outlay)

For the doubling of balance Parbhani-Manmad section (290.44 Km), survey has been sanctioned and the survey work is in progress.

(c): Electrification of existing line of Manmad-Mudkhed section including 2nd line of Parbhani-Mudkhed is a part of Manmad-Mudkhed-Dhone (868 rkm) electrification project which is under statutory approvals.

(d): An outlay of ₹ 70 Crore has been provided in budget 2017-18 for the Railway Electrification work of Manmad-Mudkhed-Dhone (868 rkm) section.

Indian Railways have taken various initiatives to increase pace of execution of doubling projects. These include-

- **Indian Railways has sanctioned about 12,600 Km of Doubling/3rd & 4th line to overcome the problem of congestion over high density network in the last three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18.**
- **Making higher fund allotment for projects. The capital expenditure for Railways has been increased from ₹ 58,718 Cr in 2014-15 to around ₹ 93,795 Cr in 2015-16 to ₹ 1,11,661 crore in 2016-17 and a plan size of ₹ 1,31,000 crore has been kept for 2017-18.**
- **Delegation of Powers to the field officers for tenders and estimates: The Zonal Railways have been delegated full powers with respect to works contracts. Full powers have been given to General Managers of Zonal Railways with respect to sanctioning of estimates. This has also resulted in cutting down time for sanction of estimate and tenders.**
- **Institutional financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lac crore for assured funding of viable projects has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.**
- **These initiatives have resulted into a remarkable increase in commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversions and Doublings. A progress of 7.75 km per day of network expansion was achieved in 2015-16 compared to an average of 4.1 km per day being achieved in previous 10 years from 2004 to 2014. During 2016-17, 2855 km track has been commissioned by introducing passenger services.**