

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 556
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

ONGOING/DOUBLING PROJECTS

556. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is determined to strengthen the Railways and if so, the details thereof ; and**
- (b) the details by which the ongoing doubling projects being carried out from Mangalore Junction to Panambur and Netravati Cabin to Mangalore Central are likely to be completed including amount allocated for the same?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 556 BY KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING ONGOING/DOUBLING PROJECTS.

(a): Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have included 38 new line projects (3415 Km Length), 25 gauge conversion projects (1399 Km Length) and 134 doubling projects (13014 Km length) in the Budget 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to increase capacity enhancement of Rail Network in the Country. Besides these, the following initiatives have also been taken to cut down time taken in sanctioning of estimates, tenders, contracts, etc. to expedite execution of projects which on completion would also improve line capacity of rail network:-

i) Higher fund allotments have been made for the projects in the last four years. It has resulted into expenditure of ₹ 58,718 crore in 2014-15, ₹ 93,795 crore in 2015-16 and ₹ 1,11,600 crore in 2016-17. The allotment of funds for 2017-18 is ₹ 1,31,000 crore.

ii) Powers to sanction estimates, accept tenders and award consultancy contracts have been delegated to Zonal Railways.

iii) Institutional Financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India for ₹ 1.5 lakh crore for assured funding of viable projects has been arranged.

iv) Various State Governments have been persuaded to share part cost of the projects falling in their respective states. Besides this, they have also been persuaded to provide land free of cost in some cases of new line projects.

(b): Details of works taken up on Mangalore Junction-Panambur and Netravati Cabin- Mangalore Central routes and amount allocated are given as under:-

(₹ in Crore)

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Estimated cost	Expenditure incurred upto March, 2017	Outlay during 2017-18	Status
1	Kankandi-Panambur doubling (19 Km)	238.04	117.82	92.80	Jokatte-Panambur (6.3 Km) commissioned. Work on balance portion taken up.
2	Netravati-Mangalore Central doubling (1.5 Km)	28.03	0.01	5.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned in May, 2017.
