

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

**DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF MACHILIPATNAM-VIJAYAWADA
RAIL LINE**

1218. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of long pending work of doubling and electrification of Machilipatnam-Vijayawada railway line and the reasons for delay, if any;**
- (b) whether any funds are being allocated to this project and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the time by which this line would be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) Machilipatnam-Vijayawada (79.43 km) is part of Vijaywada-Gudivada-Bhimavaram-Narasapur, Gudivada-Machlipatnam and Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu (221 km) Doubling with electrification project which was sanctioned at total cost of ₹ 1503.71 crore on 50% cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh. The various works such as earth works, construction of minor & major bridges, ballast supply etc. have been taken up.**

(b)The funds to the project are allocated yearly on the basis of progress of works. Railways have allocated requisite funds for this project. The total expenditure on this project up to June 2018 is ₹ 543 crore.

(c)The Machilipatnam-Vijayawada section is planned to be completed by March 2021 subject to allocation of 50% funds by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
