

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

**BENGALURU CANTONMENT-WHITEFIELD RAILWAY LINE**

**1291. SHRI P. C. MOHAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways has sanctioned any amount for quadrupling of the Bengaluru Cantonment-Whitefield railway line which is pending for over last 20 years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the same;**
- (c) whether the required land has been acquired by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Railways is considering additional trains on the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield route due to the traffic snarls faced by the commuters due to metro-work; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291 BY SHRI P.C. MOHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.07.2018 REGARDING BENGALURU CANTONMENT-WHITEFIELD RAILWAY LINE**

**(a) and (b): Bangalore City-Krishnarajapuram-Whitefield Quadrupling project (23.08 Km) was included in the Budget 1997-98, could not be taken forward as requisite clearances for the project could not be obtained. Priority of the project receded due to severe constraint in land availability expressed by the State Government and project section being covered under Commuter Rail System for Bangalore. However, in view of oversaturation of the project section and difficulty in getting land on Bangalore City-Bangalore Cantonment section, Bangalore Cantonment-Krishnarajapuram-Whitefield 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> line has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 492.87 crore in March, 2018. An outlay of ₹ 6 crore has been provided during 2018-19.**

**(c): Total land requirement is 4270 sqm. However, no land is acquired.**

**(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. In order to facilitate passengers of Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield sector, two pairs of EMU special trains viz. 06593/06594 Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield MEMU and 06567/06568 Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield MEMU have been operated. These are in addition to already existing services on this sector.**

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