

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1438  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

**UPGRADATION OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE IN KERALA**

**1438. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:**

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

- (a) whether several new projects and upgradation of present infrastructure are being taken up in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the details of new projects sanctioned and the estimated cost of the projects announced in Kerala during the last three years?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1438 BY SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE IN KERALA**

**(a) and (b): Details of ongoing New Line and Doubling projects taken up for upgradation of present infrastructure fully/partly in the State of Kerala including new projects sanctioned and anticipated cost of the projects announced during the last three years (2015-16 to 2017-18) and the current year (2018-19) are as under:-**

**(₹ in crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Anticipated cost</b>	<b>Expenditure incurred upto March, 2018</b>	<b>Outlay 2018-19</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>NEW LINE</b>					
<b>1.</b>	<b>Tirunavaya-Guruvayur (35 Km)</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>35.83</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Government of Kerala has approved alignment in 2009. However, Final Location Survey (FLS) for first 8 Km completed.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Angamali-Sabrimala (111 Km)</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>2815.62</b>	<b>220.74</b>	<b>64.90</b>	<b>On this project, work on Angamali-Kaladi section (7 Km) has been taken up where 0.68 hectare land is yet to be handed</b>

						over by State Government. In view of considerable increase of project cost to ₹ 2815 crore, State Government has been requested to continue to share 50% cost of the project.
	<b>DOUBLING</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Kuruppantara -Chingavanam (27 Km)</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>313.5</b>	<b>56.50</b>	<b>Out of 17.15 hectare land required, land acquisition of 10.48 hectare has been done by state government in June 2018, although land requisition were submitted in August 2007 and payment of ₹ 180.85 crore has also been made to the State Government. 6.67 Ha land is yet to be handed over by the state government.</b>

						<b>Kuruppantara-Ettumanur (8 Km) has been expedited for commissioning during 2018-19. Balance portion is expected to be commissioned by March 2020 subject to handing over of required land.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chingavanam -Chengannur (27 Km)</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>Chengannur-Changanassery section (17 Km) commissioned. Balance 10 Km section is targeted for commissioning in December, 2018.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Ernakulam-Kumbalam (7.71 Km)</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>5.34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>In view of considerable increase in project cost due to abnormal rise in cost of land, Government of Kerala was requested for free land and sharing 50% of construction cost of the project. However, State</b>

						<b>Government has not agreed to Railway's request.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Kumbalam-Thuravur (15.59 Km)</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>In view of considerable increase in project cost due to abnormal rise in cost of land, Government of Kerala was requested for free land and sharing 50% of construction cost of the project. However, State Government has not agreed to Railway's request.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Turavur-Ambalapuzha (50 Km)</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>In view of considerable increase in project cost due to abnormal rise in cost of land, Government of Kerala was requested for free land and sharing 50% of construction cost of the project.</b>

<b>6</b>	<b>Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18.13 Km)</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>188.16</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>Handing over of land completed on 25.02.2018. Works have been taken up. Targetted for commissioning by September 2019.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari (86.50 Km)</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>Land acquisition papers for Thiruvananthapuram-Parsala section submitted to State Government on 08.11.2016. Land is yet to be handed over by the State Government.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Shoranur-Ernakulam (107 Km)</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>New project included in the Budget 2018-19 subject to requisite clearances. Preparation of Detailed Project Report taken up.</b>