

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

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

1833. 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) to (c) The work of Vijaywada-Gudivada-Bhimavaram-Narsapur, Gudivada-Machilipatnam Doubling with Electrification was included in the Budget 2011-12. Anticipated cost of the project is ₹ 1503 cr. Work has been taken up in the entire section.

An outlay of ₹ 200 cr has been provided for 2018-19.

The completion of Railway projects requires acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, various statutory clearances etc. by the State Govt. which are beyond the control of Railways. As such no time limit can be given for this project.