

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

**1829. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of doubling, electrification and construction of new railway lines in the State of Karnataka;**
- (b) the details in this regard during the last three years, project and year-wise;**
- (c) the current status of land acquisition for new railway line in the State along with the details in this regard;**
- (d) the details of funds allocated and spent for the said project during each of the last three years, project-wise;**
- (e) whether the said projects have been completed as per the time schedule and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when the aforesaid projects are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1829 BY SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA AND SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a), (b) and (d): Total 35 projects of 4417 Km length, costing ₹ 41746 crores are in different stages of planning/approval/execution in the State of Karnataka and commissioning of 679 Km length with expenditure of ₹ 8402 crores achieved upto March, 2019. Out of these, 20 New Line projects of 2502 Km length costing ₹ 26393 crores are of new line construction and 15 Doubling projects of 1916 Km length costing ₹ 15353 crores are of construction of double/3rd/4th line.

During last 03 financial years (2016-17 to 2018-19), 05 projects of New Lines of 421 Km length & costing ₹ 6100 crores and 04 projects of Doubling of 131 Km length costing ₹ 1073 crores have been included in the Budget falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka.

Also, during the same period, 253.4 Km length of New Line & 346.93 Km length of Doubling got commissioned in the State and the total Budget Outlay during the same period was ₹ 9699 crores for the State.

Total 16 Railway Electrification projects of 3,379 route kilometers, costing ₹ 3,772 crores are in different stages of planning/execution in the State of Karnataka. Upto March 2019, 386 route kilometers have been commissioned on electric traction.

The details of all works in progress and new works including funds spent on each project, allotment of funds and expenditure are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance(Budget) >2019-20_List_of_Works and are also available in Pink Books presented before the House along with Budget every year.

(c): 12 Nos. New Line projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka require 19892.69 acre land, out of which, so far, only 4507.83 acre land has been handed over to Railways & 15384.86 acre land is still balance, which is yet to be acquired and handed over to Railways by the Government of Karnataka.

(e) and (f): The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground & over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological & topographical conditions of area, law & order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. & all these factors affects the completion cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

In the overall interest of the Nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various levels (field level, Divisional level, Zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are held with the officials of State Government and concerned authorities to resolve the pending issues obstructing the progress of projects.

To ensure that projects are completed even before time. Railway has adopted the concept of incentives to the contractor in the form of bonus clause in contracts which will further enhance the pace of execution of projects.

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc. institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lakh crores, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.
