

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2429. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Andhra Pradesh along with the estimated time of completion;**
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to undertake any new railway projects in Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2429 BY DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) to (c) Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway - wise not State wise as Railways' project/s may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 31 projects(16 New Lines and 15 Doubling), covering total length of 5,581 km, costing ₹ 70,594 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are under different stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 636 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 19,414 crore has been incurred upto March 2022. These include:

- 16 New Line Projects, covering total length of 1,917 km at a cost of ₹ 25,809 Crore, out of which 130 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,201 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.**
- 15 Doubling Projects, covering total length of 3,664 km at a cost of ₹ 44,785 Crore, out of which 506 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 15,213 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22.**

Railway infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise

details of projects including their cost, expenditure and outlay 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) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹ 2830 crore per year from ₹ 886 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, an increase of 219% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Annual budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3885 crore in 2019-20 (338% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 4910 crore in 2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 6223 crore in financial year 2021-22 (602% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23 the highest ever budget allocation of ₹ 7,032 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 694% more than the average of 2009-14 (₹ 886 Cr/Yr.).

Completion of any Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of

working months in a year for particular project/s site etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, Railway is making all effort for expeditious completion of project/s.

During 2014-22, 989 Km sections (350 km of New line and 639 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 123.63 km per year, which is 70% more than commissioning during 2009-14(72.6 Km/Yr.)

New Line Projects are considered on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirements. They are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. This covers connectivity to backward and rural areas also.
