

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

**2448. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the Railway Zones covered for implementing railway infrastructure projects in the State of Karnataka;**
- (b) the details of railway projects being implemented in Karnataka, Zone-wise;**
- (c) the total allocation of budget towards developing railways in Karnataka along with the projects proposed, total funds allocated, expected project outcomes and the expected year of completion;**
- (d) the total budget allocated for various projects and for the development projects of the South Western Railway Zone during the last three years; and**
- (e) the details of major projects of Railways implemented/being implemented in North Karnataka region for providing benefits to the said region?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2448 BY SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI AND SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

(a), (b), (c) & (e): Railway infrastructure projects in Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Zones of Indian Railway.

Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/Region-wise as the Indian Railways' project(s) may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 32 projects (21 new lines and 11 doubling) of total length 4,330 Km, costing ₹49,087 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka including those in North Karnataka region are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 1,305 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹16,258 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

- 21 new line projects of total length 2,583 Km, costing ₹32,900 crore, out of which 319 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,162 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**
- 11 doubling projects of total length 1,747 Km, costing ₹16,187 crore, out of which 986 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹11,096 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**

Details of all Railway projects (Zone-wise and year-wise) 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) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects and commensurate commissioning of Projects in Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka during 2014-19 increased to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per year during 2009 - 14 (224% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation for these works increased to ₹3,386 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (306% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹4,220 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (405% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹4,297 crore for Financial year 2021-22(415% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹6,091 crore has been provided for these works, which is 629% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 1347 Km sections (303 Km of New line and 1,044 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka has been commissioned at an average rate 168.38 km per year, which is 49% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (113 Km/Yr.).

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, timely deposition of cost share by cost sharing authorities in cost sharing project(s), 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 site etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

(d): The total Budget allocation (Net) under Capital Expenditure (Capex) for various projects and for the development projects of South Western Railway during the last three years {excluding Extra Budgetary Resources (Partnership) } is given below:-

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Total allotment
2020-21 (Revised Estimate)	3578.93
2021-22 (Revised Estimate)	4450.05
2022-23 (Budget Estimate)	3688.14