GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 93 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

CLOSED DOOR SYSTEMS IN TRAINS

93. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various projects proposed and underway in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether any proposal has been given for implementation of closed door systems in trains in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 93 BY SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING CLOSED DOOR SYSTEMS IN TRAINS

(a): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railwaywise and not State-wise as the Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2022, 24 projects (09 new lines, 04 gauge conversion and 11 doubling) of total length 2,944 Km, costing ₹30,692 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 804 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,705 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

- 09 new line projects of total length 871 Km, costing ₹10,724 crore, out of which 18 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹685 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.
- 04 gauge conversion projects of total length 839 Km, costing ₹5,778 crore, out of which 622 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,179 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.
- 11 doubling projects of total length 1,234 Km, costing ₹14,190 crore, out of which 164 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,841 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.

Railway infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu are covered by Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railway. The project-wise details of projects including 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 these works during 2014-19 increased to ₹1,979 crore per year from ₹879 crore per year during 2009 – 14 (125% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation increased to ₹2,410 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (174% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹2,812 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (220% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹3,730 crore in Financial year 2021-22(324% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For Financial Year 2022-23, highest-ever budget outlay of ₹3,865 crore has been provided for these works, which is 340% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. During 2014-22, 1,066 Km sections (18 Km of New line, 404 Km Gauge conversion and 644 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu has been commissioned at an average rate of 133.25 Km per year.

(b) & (c): Vande Bharat and Tejas trains, including the following trains of Southern Railway, have provision of Automatic door closure system in coaches:-

Train No.	Route		Zonal Railway
20607/08	Chennai-Mysuru Vande	e Bharat	Southern
	Express		Railway
22671/72	Chennai-Madurai	Tejas	Southern
	Express		Railway

In future, all Vande Bharat trains will also have provision of Automatic door closure system in coaches.

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