

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

***479. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects sanctioned for Kerala since 2017, zone- wise and year-wise;**
- (b) the number of projects out of the above that are under progress, the amount spent on these so far and the project-wise steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete these on time; and**
- (c) the number of railway projects in Gujarat that have been surveyed and approved but the work has not yet started?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 479 BY MS. RAMYA HARIDAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. Since 2017, two doubling projects falling fully/partly in Kerala has been taken up. Details of these projects are as under:

Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling (Southern Railway) of length 87 km, costing ₹1432 crore has been sanctioned in year 2017-18. So far, an expenditure of ₹1275 crore has been incurred. Budget outlay of ₹393.50 crore has been provided for financial year 2022-23. Project involves acquisition of 36.67 Ha revenue land in Kerala and 50.70 Ha revenue land in Tamil Nadu, out of which 12.29 Ha land in Kerala and 6.81 Ha land in Tamil Nadu has been acquired. Railway has deposited ₹532 crore in Kerala and ₹215 crore in Tamil Nadu for the land acquisition. Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu has to expedite land acquisition of balance 24.38 Ha and 43.89 Ha land respectively. Work has been taken up in available land.

Shornur-Ernakulam 3rd line (Southern Railway) of length 107 km costing ₹1518 crore has been included in budget in year 2018-19. Project included in Budget subject to obtain requisite government approvals.

As on 01.04.2022, total 8 projects (02 new lines and 06 doubling) of total length 435 Km, costing ₹9,360 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which 8 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,462 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022. These include:-

- **02 new line projects of total length 146 Km, costing ₹2,953 crore. An expenditure of ₹303 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022.**
- **6 doubling projects of total length 289 Km, costing ₹6,407 crore, out of which 8 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 2,159Cr. has been incurred upto March, 2022.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in Kerala are covered under Southern Railway Zone of Indian Railways.

Zone-wise details of all Railway 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.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in the Ministry and Gati Shakti units in field, (ii) prioritisation of projects, (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iv) delegation of powers at field level, (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. Average Annual

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹950 crore per year from ₹372 crore per year during 2009 – 14 (155% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation for these projects increased to ₹667 crore for Financial Year 2019-20 (79% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹688 crore for Financial Year 2020-21 (85% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14), ₹1,866 crore in Financial year 2021-22 (402% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹1,085 crore for Financial Year 2022-23 (192% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For financial year 2023-24, the highest ever budget outlay of ₹2,033 crore has been allocated for these works, which is 446% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 107 Km sections (29 Km Gauge conversion and 78 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala has been commissioned at an average rate of 13.38 Km per year which is 26.23% more than commissioning during 2009-14(11 Km/Yr.)

GUJARAT

Total 24 Surveys covering total length of 1208 km falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat has been completed in last 3 years (2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22) and current financial year 2022-23.

As on 01.04.2022, 34 Railway Infrastructure Projects (04 New Line, 19 Gauge Conversion and 11 Doubling) costing ₹ 30,740 crore for 3,727km length falling fully/partly in Gujarat are under different stage of planning/ approval/

execution, out of which 1,053 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹10,085 Cr. has been incurred upto March 22. These include:

- **04 New Line projects covering total length of 479 km at a cost of ₹5,417crore, out of which 79 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,913Cr. has been incurred upto March, 22.**
- **19 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 1,636 km at a cost of ₹10,077 crore, out of which 641 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,589 Cr. has been incurred upto March, 22.**
- **11 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,612 km at a cost of ₹15,246 crore, out of which 333 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹4,583Cr. has been incurred upto March, 22.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in Gujarat are covered under Western Railway and North Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all Railway 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.

The 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, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and

order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

Average Annual Budget Allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹3,327 crore per year from ₹589 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual Budget allocation during 2014-19 is 465% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14. Annual Budget allocation for these projects has been increased to ₹4,803 crore in financial year 2019-20 (716% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹4,071 crore in financial year 2020-21 (591% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14), ₹4,924 crore in financial year 2021-22 (736% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 4,745 crore for financial year 2022-23 (706% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2023-24, the highest ever Budget outlay of ₹8,332 crore has been allocated for these projects, which is 1315% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 1294 km sections (142 km New line, 607 km Gauge conversion and 545 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, have been commissioned at an average rate of 161.75 km per year, which is 22.54% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (132 Km/year)
