GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2384 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

2384. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV: SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA: SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the railway projects that are covering fully/partially in the State of Karnataka that are pending for completion;
- (b) the details of new lines, doubling, electrification, etc., pending for completion in the State;
- (c) the expected timeline for completion of the above works;
- (d) the budget allocated for each of the projects falling fully/partially in Karnataka in 2023-24 Budget; and
- (e) the annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works in Karnataka since the last three years?

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. 2384 BY SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA, DR. UMESH G. JADHAV, SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA AND SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

- (a) to (e): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' projects may span across various 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 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.

The details of Railway Electrification projects under execution falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

S. No.	Section	Balance Route Km	Budget Outlay proposed in 2023-24 (₹crore)
1.	Miraj-Londa	118	182.60
2.	Gadag-Hotgi	90	110.00
3.	Chikbanavar-Hubballi	92	128.49
4.	Hospet-Swamihalli	40	20.00
5.	Birur-Talguppa	98	56.58
6.	Mysuru-Hassan- Mangalore including Arsikere-Hassan	347	134.15
7.	Kadur-Chikmaglur	46	5.29
8.	Chikbanavar-Hasan	133	77.08
9.	Bangarpet-Yelehanka	36	8.50

Railway infrastructure projects in Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Railway. 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(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by cost sharing authority 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 due to climatic conditions 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation for commensurate commissioning of infrastructure and safety works in Indian Railways. The Average Annual Budget allocation for these works during 2014-19 increased to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per during 2009 - 14 (224% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). The Annual Budget allocation for these projects has been 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), ₹4,297 crore for Financial year 2021-22(415% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14) and ₹6,091 crore for Financial year 2022-23 (629% more than average annual budget allocation during 2009-14). For financial year 2023-24, highest ever budget outlay of ₹7,561 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 806% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-22, 1347 Km length (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.).
