

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3407  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-KUMBALAM RAIL LINE**

**3407. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned the doubling of Turavur - Ambalappuzha (45.86 KM) stretch of the coastal railway line in Kerala, for which the Detailed Project Report has already been prepared;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the tentative period by which the doubling work is likely be completed, if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the present status of the doubling of the Ernakulam-Kumbalam and Kumbalam-Turavur stretch of the coastal railway line which had been sanctioned earlier;**
- (d) whether the Government is aware that due to the reluctance on the part of the Railways to handover land in its possession in front of the Cherthala Railway Station, service roads are not being included in the design for National Highway-66 widening in front of the railway station; and**
- (e) if so, the details and corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3407 BY ADV. A.M. ARIFF TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-KUMBALAM RAIL LINE**

**(a) to (c): Doubling of Ernakulam to Ambalappuzha has been divided in three parts viz Ernakulam-Kumbalam (7.7 Km), Kumbalam-Turavur (15.59 Km) and Turavur- Ambalappuzha (45.86 Km). Ernakulum-Kumbalam doubling (7.7 KM) and Kumbalam-Turavur doubling (15.59 KM) were sanctioned in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. Work of Turavur-Ambalappuzha doubling (45.86 KM) was included in Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite approvals. The present anticipated cost of the projects has been assessed as ₹595.39 crore, ₹802.80 crore and ₹1262.14 crore respectively. Initially, Government of Kerala was requested to provide land free of cost and to share cost of the projects. However, Government of Kerala has not agreed for the same. Considering the importance of the project, it has been decided to take up the works with 100% Railway funding. The Detailed Estimate of doubling projects Ernakulam – Kumbalam (7.71 Km) and Kumbalam-Turavur (15.59 Km) have been sanctioned and Detailed Project report (DPR) of doubling Turavur- Ambalappuzha (45.86 Km) has been prepared.**

**Ernakulum-Kumbalam (7.71 KM) doubling project involve acquisition of 5.20 Ha land. Railway has deposited of ₹262 crore with State Government of Kerala for land acquisition. Kumbalam-Thuravur (15.59 KM) doubling project involve acquisition of 10.33 Ha land. Railway has deposited ₹248.20 crore with State Government of Kerala for land acquisition. Government of Kerala has to expedite land acquisition. Physical execution of work in these projects can be taken up after handing over of land by Government of Kerala.**

**Completion of 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 site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.**

**(d) and (e): National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has requested railway to transfer railway land of width (varying from 6.38 m to 17.51 m) in front of Cherthala railway station. Railway has expressed its inability to transfer this land due to limited availability of railway land and its requirement for operational purposes. Further, Railway has advised NHAI to rationalize width of Railway land required for construction of service road.**

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