

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

ELECTRIFICATION OF NILAMBUR-SHORANUR RAILWAY LINE

1690. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of delays in electrification works in the Nilambur-Shoranur line in Palakkad Division of Southern Railway and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any updated schedule in place to expedite the completion of this work, along with the expected time limit and plan for operations of trains fully on electric mode on this line and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has plans to initiate new trains upon the completion of electrification of the track; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1690 BY DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF NILAMBUR-SHORANUR RAILWAY LINE

(a) Electrification work of Nilambur-Shoranur section is a sanctioned work. One of the major reason for delay in completion of the project is non-commencement of underground (UG) cabling work for Melattur Railway Traction sub-station (RTSS) being executed by Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB).

(b) The completion of Electrification project(s) depends on various factors like forest clearances by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law & 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). As such the confirmed time frame for completion of this project cannot be ascertained at this stage. Operations of trains fully on electric mode on this line shall be initiated accordingly.

(c) & (d) At present, Nilambur Road-Shoranur sector is being served by 2 pairs of Mail/Express and 5 pairs of Passenger special. Besides, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.
