

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2871
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

DOUBLING OF NETRAWATI-MANGALORE CENTRAL

2871. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether doubling of Netrawati-Mangalore Central has any significant advantage over the current route, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the current capacity of this section;**
- (c) the details of socio-economic development in the region due to this project; and**
- (d) whether doubling of this section is likely to help in capacity augmentation of additional freight, 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. 2871 BY SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF NETRAWATI-MANGALORE CENTRAL

(a) to (d): Netrawati – Mangaluru Central (1.50 Km) doubling project was sanctioned in 2016-2017 and commissioned in Financial Year 2020-21. Completion cost of the project is ₹28.03 crore. This project helps to ease traffic congestion in Mangaluru Central area. This project will help to provide better connectivity for people of Panamburu, Thokur, Jokatte, Kulsekhara Mangaluru Central area. Line capacity of Netrawati – Mangalore Central section during 2022-23 is 57%. With the present line capacity of this section, the present and near future traffic can adequately be accommodated in the Mangalore Central – Netrawati (towards Mangalore Junction side) single line section.

As on 01.04.2023, total 31 projects (21 new lines and 10 Doubling) of 3,866 km length, costing ₹47,346 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/approval/construction stage.

These include:-

- 21 New Line Projects of total length 2,583 km at a cost of ₹33,218 crore, out of which 366 Km length has been commissioned.**
- 10 Doubling Projects of total length 1,283 km at a cost of ₹14,128 crore, out of which 780 Km length has been commissioned.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are covered under South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Zone of Indian Railway.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects in State of Karnataka as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹835 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹7,561 crore	9 times

In 2014-23, 1566 Km section (336 Km New Line and 1230 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State the Karnataka have been commissioned at an average rate of 174 Km per year.

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.