

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 606
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS IN KOLLAM

606. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to complete the Railway Development works in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(c) the details regarding the railway development works/projects taken by the Government in Kollam Lok Sabha Constituency from May 2019 and its status at present;

(d) the details of Railway Development works in Kollam completed after May 2019;

(e) the details and list of pending railway development works in this Constituency; and

(f) the details of proposed date of completion of developmental works initiated by Railways in Kollam after May 2019?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 606 BY SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS IN KOLLAM

(a) and (b): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State wise/UT wise/Parliamentary constituency wise as the Railways' projects may span across various state boundaries/Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

As on 01.04.2023, across Indian Railways, 459 Railway Infrastructure projects (189 New Line, 39 Gauge Conversion and 231 Doubling) of total length 46,360 Km, costing approx. ₹7.18 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 11,872 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. ₹2.61 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

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 (RSP).

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (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. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.

During 2014-23, across Indian Railway, 25,871 km sections (5,785 km New Line, 5,749 km Gauge Conversion and 14,337 km Doubling has been commissioned at an average of 2,875 km/year which is 89% more than the average commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 km/year).

(c) to (f): Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Kerala are covered by Southern Railway(SR) Zone of Indian Railways.

As on 01.04.2023, 07 projects (2 new lines and 05 Doubling) of 409 km length, costing ₹9,436 crore falling fully/partly in Kerala including Kollam parliamentary constituency are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. An expenditure of ₹2,286 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

Some of the Development Works falling fully / partly in the parliamentary constituency of Kollam which have been taken up are as follows:-

Augmentation of MEMU shed, development of Kollam Railway Station and Punalur Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Development of Multi-Disciplinary training centre in Trivandrum division.

Railway Electrification project of Kollam-Punalur section of 44 km length costing ₹75.46 crore has been completed after May, 2019.

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/ partly in Kerala including parliamentary constituency of Kollam is as under:-

| Period | Average Outlay | Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14 |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2009-14 | ₹372 crore/year | - |
| 2014-23 | ₹1,006 crore/year | 170% more |
| 2023-24 | ₹2,033 crore | 446% more |

During 2014-23, 125 Km section (29 km of Gauge Conversion and 96 km of Doubling) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 13.89 km per year, which is 31% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (10.6 Km/Yr.)

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 State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 and cost of the project(s).