

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

682. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the various ongoing Railways projects in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the total number of new railway projects including laying of new railway lines, conversion of meter-gauge to broad-guage, electrification of railway lines, introduction of new train services, etc. during the last three years; and**
- (c) the number of such projects being financed by the Union Government, State Governments, loan borrowed from world bank/international financial institutions, PPP scheme, etc., project-wise?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 682 BY DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.23, 23 projects (09 new line, 03 Gauge conversion and 11 doubling) of total length 2,848 Km costing ₹35,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 839 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,078 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

- (i) 9 New Line projects covering total length of 871 km at a cost of ₹14,682 crore, out of which 18 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,109 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**
- (ii) 3 Gauge Conversion projects covering total length of 748 km at a cost of ₹5,224 crore, out of which 583 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,024 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**
- (iii) 11 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,229 km at a cost of ₹15,674 crore, out of which 238 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 4,945 crore has been incurred upto March 2023.**

As on 01.04.2023, total 03 new line projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned during last three years.

As on 01.11.2023, one Railway electrification project of 161 Km, length costing ₹ 277 crore falling in the State of Tamil Nadu is in construction stage. An expenditure of ₹ 124 crore has been incurred on this project upto March, 2023.

05 electrification projects costing of ₹1321 crore have been sanctioned during last three years over Indian Railway (2020-21 to 2022-23).

As the Railway network straddle across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, 10 pairs of train services (on originating/terminating basis) have been introduced during the period 2020-2023 (till Oct- 2023), serving various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu.

For two projects in the State of Tamil Nadu State Government is sharing cost of project.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are covered under Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railways.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety projects in Tamil Nadu has been enhanced to highest at ₹6,080 crore this year which is nearly seven times of the budget allocation of ₹922 crore in 2013-14.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Tamil Nadu, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,979 crore per year which is 125% more than average annual budget outlay of ₹879 crore per year during 2009-14. These allocations have been increased to ₹2,410 crore for Financial Year 2019-20 (174% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14), ₹2,812 crore for Financial Year 2020-21 (220% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹3,730 crore for Financial Year 2021-22 (324% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14) and ₹3,865 in FY 2022-23 (340% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14). For FY 2023-24, highest ever Budget Outlay ₹6,080 crore has been provided for these works, which is 559% more than allocation of 2013-14 (₹922 crore).

During 2014-23, 1227 km sections (18 km New Line, 456 Km of Gauge Conversion and 753 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate 136.33 km per year.