

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 799
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

799. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake and complete any pending/incomplete railway projects/ railway lines in the state of Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned and utilised for such projects;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any new Vande Bharat train in the state of Karnataka, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce direct train halt at Alur station in Hassan district in respect of Bangalore/Mangalore train and a train halt at Arsikere junction in respect of Vande Bharat Train, if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

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. 799 BY SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a) and (b): 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 01.04.2023, 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

Railways make all efforts for optimum use of allocated fund, Total ₹7,561 crore has been allocated for Financial Year 2023-24 for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka.

Commissioning of Infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in State of Karnataka is as under:-

Period	Total Track Commissioned
2009-14	565 Km
2014-23	1,566 Km

Entire single line connecting Bangalore to Mumbai and Hyderabad has been sanctioned and converted into double line during last 9 years. Miraj-Londa (186 Km), Hubli – Chichjajur (190 Km), Arsikere – Tumkur (96 Km) and Yelahanka- Penukonda (120 km) has been sanctioned and completed in this period.

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.

(c) and (d): At present, 82 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways (IR). These include 8 Vande Bharat Express serving the stations located in the State of Karnataka, on originating/terminating basis. Besides, provision of stoppages of existing train services and introduction of new Vande Bharat services are ongoing processes over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
