

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT IN KERALA

2176. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Railways in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years;**
- (c) the amount allocated for the railway development in this union budget 2020-21; and**
- (d) the project-wise and amount-wise details in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 2176 BY ADV. A.M. ARIFF TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT IN KERALA

(a) to (d): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise, projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise. However, 09 projects (02 new line and 07 doubling) covering a length of 454 Km, costing ₹ 8,317 crore, falling fully/partly in Kerala, are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. Details of these projects are as under:

02 New Line Projects are covering a length of 146 km, costing ₹ 3,293 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 299 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019 a budget estimated outlay of ₹ 2.0 crore has been provided for financial year 2019-20.

07 Doubling Projects are covering a length of 307 km, costing ₹ 5,024 crore, out of which, 8 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 672 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. A budget estimated outlay of ₹ 265 crore has been provided for these projects for the financial year 2019-20.

The project-wise details of projects including expenditure and proposed 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)>Railway-wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme-2020-21.

Budget Allocation (for the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala)

Proposed Budget allocation (In Infrastructure projects & safety works) for the projects falling fully/partly in the state of Kerala has increased to ₹ 688 crore (during 2020-21) from ₹ 372 crore (during 2009-14). Thus, the proposed budget allocation for 2020-21 is 85% more than average allocation during 2009-14.

Commissioning of Projects

During 2009-14, 53 Km (7 Km of New line, 10 Km of Gauge conversion and 36 Km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 11 Km per year.

Since 2014-19, 89 Km (29 Km of Gauge conversion and 60 Km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 18 Km per year, which is 68% more than commissioning during 2009-14.
