

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

2847. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of railway projects under implementation in the State of Karnataka along with the details and current status thereof;**
- (b) the details along with the estimated cost, expenditure incurred and the scheduled date of their completion; and**
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed for completion of all these projects including provision of sufficient funds in the budget and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 2847 BY SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2020 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a) to (c): 35 ongoing projects of total length 4,403 Km, costing ₹44,208 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, this includes:-

- **20 new line projects of total length 2,502 Km, costing ₹ 28,428 crore, out of which, commissioning of 245 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹ 3,755 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019.**

In addition, one new line project Dharwad to Belgaum via Kittur of 73 Km length, costing ₹ 988 crore has been included in Budget book 2020-21(against umbrella work of 2019-20).

- **15 doubling projects of total length 1,901 Km, costing ₹ 15,780 crore, out of which, commissioning of 435 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹ 6,790 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019.**

Project-wise details of projects, including cost, expenditure incurred 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)>Railway-wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme> Regular Budget (year).

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

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure & safety works, falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka has increased to ₹ 2,702 crore, during 2014-19 from ₹ 835 crore during 2009-14. Thus, the average annual budget allocation for 2014-19 is 224% more than average annual allocation during 2009-14.

Total allocation of Budget for Infrastructure & safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka, in 2019-20 is ₹ 3,386 crore, which is 306% more than average annual outlay of 2009-14.

Proposed Budget allocation for Infrastructure & safety works, falling fully/partly in the state of Karnataka, in 2020-21 is ₹ 4,220 crore, which is 405% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14.

Commissioning of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka

During 2009-14, 565 Km (206 Km of New line, 185 Km of Gauge conversion and 174 Km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 113 Km per year.

During 2014-19, 735 Km (253 Km of New line and 482 Km of Doubling projects) have been commissioned in the state at an average rate 147 Km per year, which is 30% more than commissioning during 2009-14.

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 (both underground and over ground), 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, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors vary from project to project and site to site and affect the completion time and cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage. Therefore, confirmed time line for completion of project cannot be ascertained at this stage.
