### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3585 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

#### **RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA**

#### 3585. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for railway projects in Karnataka in the Budget 2021-22, falling fully/partly in the State;
- (b) the funds allocated for doubling and laying new lines, project-wise
- (c) whether the Government has identified projects in Karnataka to be completed by 31st March, 2022 with a view to boost rail infrastructure in the State and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the Budgetary allocation for railways in Karnataka for the period 2014-19 as against the average allocation between the year 2009-2014;
- (e) the details of the number of rail projects, total length of kilometres and total cost, already being undertaken in the State in the year 2020-21; and
- (f) the present status of Electrification of Chikkabanavara to Hubli, Chikjajur to Bellary, Gadag to Hotgi, Hospete to Vasco and Miraj to Londa railway lines?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3585 BY KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

- (a): Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise, not State-wise, as Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries and Budget allocation are also made accordingly. However, proposed total Budget Estimate (BE) outlay for infrastructure and safety works, falling, fully/partly in the State of Karnataka, for the Financial Year 2021-22 is ₹3897 crore.
- (b), (c) & (e): As on 01.04.2020, total 36 projects of total length 4,529 Km, costing ₹ 49,536 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/execution, out of which, commissioning of 935 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹13,618 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020. These include:-
  - 21 new line projects of total length 2,583 Km, costing ₹32,599 crore, out of which commissioning of 245 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹4,608 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.
  - 15 doubling projects of total length 1,946 Km, costing ₹16,937 crore, out of which commissioning of 690 Km length has been achieved and an expenditure of ₹9,010 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

These projects will boost rail infrastructure in the State of Karnataka.

Karnataka State is covered by South Western Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway and Central Railway zone of Indian Railways. The details of 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)> Pink Book (year)>Railway-wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure & safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹2,702 crore, from ₹835 crore (during 2009-14). Thus, the average annual budget allocation for 2014-19 is 224% more than average annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. Total proposed Budget Estimate (BE) outlay for Infrastructure & safety works, falling, fully/partly in the State of Karnataka, in 2021-22 is ₹3,897 crore, which is 367% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-19, 735 Km length of (253 Km new line and 482 Km doubling projects) falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka has been commissioned which is 30% more than the commissioned during 2009-14 (565 Km). During 2019-20, 172 Km length of Doubling has been commissioned which is 52% more than average commissioned during 2009-14 (113 Km/year).

Completion of Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by 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. As such, confirmed time frame for completion of the project(s) can not be ascertained at this State. Every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously and early commissioning.

(d): Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully partly in the State of Karnataka, during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹2,702 crore per year, from ₹835 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, an increase of 224% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹835 crore per year).

(f): The present status of electrification of Chikbanavar to Hubballi, Chikjajur to Bellari. Gadag to Hotgi, Hosapete to Vasco-da-gama and Miraj to Londa railway lines is tabulated below:

Section	Present Status
Chikbanavar- Hubblli	Work has been taken up.
Chikjaur-Bellari	Bellari-Rayadurga-Talaku section has been electrified Work has been taken up in balance section.
Gadag-Hotgi	Work has been taken up.
Hosapete-Vasco- da-gama	Hosapete-Harlapur-Hulkoti section has been electrified Work has been taken up in balance section.
Miraj-Londa	Work has been taken up.

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