

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4714
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

New Railway Projects in Karnataka

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bangalore Suburban Railway Project has been allocated only a paltry sum of Rs. 1 crore out of this year's Budgetary Allocation for Railway Projects across the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether some important new line projects of Karnataka have come to an unprecedented standstill due to allocation of insufficient funds, thereby delaying its completion viz., Bagalkot - Kudachi, Gadag-Wadi, Rayadurga-Tumkur, Tumkur-Chitradurga-Davangere and Shimoga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur;**
- (c) if so, the funds allocated and utilised during the last five years for the above projects;**
- (d) the expected date of completion and operationalization; and**
- (e) the progress of ongoing electrification works between kadur - Chikmagalur?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
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- (a) : A sum of ₹ 1 Crore has been earmarked by Railway Board for Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) during the year 2020-21 and the same has been indicated in the Pink Book of South Western**

Railway. However, during the year 2021-22, Budget grant of ₹ 800 Cr. has been kept for equity infusion into Joint Venture with State Governments. Budgetary requirement of Bangalore Suburban Railway Project will be released from it, based on requirement.

(b) to (d): Funds are allotted project- wise on yearly basis, on the basis of progress of land acquisition, forestry clearance, physical progress of work, importance of work, last mile connectivity, demands of Zonal Railways and over all availability of funds.

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.

(e) Railway electrification of Kadur-Chikmagalur section is at tender stage.
