

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

ELECTRIFICATION/DOUBLING OF RAILWAY TRACKS

1408. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of electrification and doubling of railway tracks in the State of Karnataka, district-wise;**
- (b) the details of sections of railways where work is underway and route in kms that have been sanctioned in Karnataka;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to extend MEMU trains from Bangalore to other adjoining locations and increase the frequency of trains thereon; and**
- (d) if so, the details of pending railway projects in Karnataka along with the reason in this regard?**

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. 1408 BY SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION/DOUBLING OF RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Indian Railways' spans across various State boundaries. As on 01.04.2021, under Plan Head 'Railway Electrification', 13 projects covering a length of 2,717 km at a cost of ₹4,151 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are under different stages of planning/execution, out of which 490 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,390 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

15 Doubling Projects covering a length of 1,961 km at a cost of ₹22,091 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 909 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹10,734 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

(b) Karnataka is covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR). Details of all ongoing Railway 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) >Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,702 crore per year from ₹835 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 224% more than the average annual budget outlay of 2009-14 and for financial year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹4,204 crore has been provided for these works, which is 403% more with respect to average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

(c) & (d): To contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways have discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23.03.2020. Presently, only special trains, keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments and health advisories issued, are being operated. In the prevailing situation, there is no proposal for extending MEMU services from Bengaluru.
