

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3244
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

RAILWAY LINES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

**3244. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

- (a) whether the Government had proposed any new railway lines in Andhra Pradesh particularly Anantapur district and if so, the railway lines constructed since 2014 till date;**
- (b) whether the Government has sanctioned any new train services in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Anantapur district;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds sanctioned/spent for the same so far; and**
- (d) the details of guage conversions/electrification that have taken place during this period?**

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.3244 BY DR. TALARI RANGAIAH AND SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY LINES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) (c) and (d) Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railways and not State wise or district wise as Railway's projects may span across State boundaries/district boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, 16 New Line projects of total length 1917 km costing ₹22670 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 130 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3955 crore has been incurred upto March 2021. Anantpur district is already connected on railway network.

Andhra Pradesh is covered by Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure and Budget outlay etc. 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.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget outlay on infrastructure projects and safety works. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹2830 crore per year from ₹886 crore per year during 2009-14. Thus, an increase of 219% over the average annual budget

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allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3885 crore in financial year 2019-20(338% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 4910 crore in financial year 2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 6223 crore in financial year 2021-22 (602% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14).

For financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 7032 crore has been proposed for these projects, which is 694% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14(₹ 886 crore/year).

During 2014-21, 731 Km sections (319 km New line and 412 km Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate of 104.43 km per year, which is 44% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14(72.6 Km/Yr.)

Entire Rail network in Andhra Pradesh is Broad Gauge Rail Networks. There is no meter gauge or narrow gauge lines in Andhra Pradesh

Since 2014-15 to 2021-22 (upto February, 2022) total routes of 27,304 km have been electrified over Indian Railways. Out of which, routes of 1,489 km length have been electrified in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise/district wise basis as Railway network straddles across State/district boundaries. However, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources, etc.
