

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

EXPANSION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN TAMIL NADU

3312. SHRI PARTHIBAN S. R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding the expansion of new railway lines and introduction of new trains in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the total funds allocated to Tamil Nadu for the new railway projects during the last three years and the current year, project-wise?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 3312 BY SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING EXPANSION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN TAMIL NADU

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway's projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2021, total 09 new line projects of total length 871 Km, costing ₹7,910 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are under different stages of planning/approval/execution. An expenditure of ₹575 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Tamil Nadu is covered by Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railway. The project-wise 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)> Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year)> Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget outlay for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and Safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Tamil Nadu, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹1,979 crore per year from ₹879 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 125% more than average annual

budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2019-20 budget allocation of ₹2,410 crore (174% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14), for financial year 2020-21 ₹2,812 crore (220% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14) and for financial year 2021-22, budget allocation of ₹3,730 crore (324% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14) has been provided for these works. For financial year 2022-23, highest ever budget outlay of ₹3,865 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 340% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 996 km sections (404 Km of Gauge Conversion and 592 Km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate 142.29 Km per year.

Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, introduction of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.
