GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3325 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

UPGRADATION OF BENGALURU CANTONMENT STATION

3325. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of completion of Sir M Visveshvaraya Terminal in Bengaluru and other terminals being planned in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering upgradation of the Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Station to meet the increasing demand of Bengaluru City and overburdening of KSR Bengaluru Station (SBC) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any stretch of railway network in Karnataka is being considered under the KAVACH and if so, the details and expected date of completion thereof?

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3325 BY SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF BENGALURU CANTONMENT STATION

(a): Indian Railways has completed work on M. Visvesyaraya Terminal. Work on Naganahalli Satellite Coaching Terminal in Karnataka has been taken up. Government of Karnataka has shown their inability for providing land free of cost and sharing cost of project. Therefore alternative traffic facilities work at Ashokapuram got sanctioned in this financial year.

Since 2014, there is substantial increase in budget outlay for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in 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 average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2019-20 budget allocation of ₹3,386 crore (306% more than average annual allocation of 2009-14), for financial year 2020-21 ₹4,220 crore (405% more than average annual budget allocation of ₹4,297 crore (415% more than average annual budget allocation of ₹4,297 crore (415% more than average annual budget allocation of ₹4,297 crore (415% more than average annual budget allocation of ₹6,091 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 629% more than average annual budget outlay of ₹6,091 crore has been proposed for these works, which is 629% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 1,162 Km sections (281 Km of New line and 881 Km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka have been commissioned at an average rate 166 km per year, which is 47% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (113 Km/Yr).

(b): Yes, Sir. Bangaluru Cantonment Station has been identified for development under the scheme of 'Major Upgradation of Stations on Indian Railways' and the work has been entrusted to South Western Railway.

(c): Yes, Sir. Kavach works for High Density Network (HDN) & Highly Utilized Network (HUN) routes of Indian Railways have been included in works programme. This includes following sections in Karnataka:

- **1. On HDN-7:** Kalaburgi-Gulbarg-Wadi-Raichur-Mantralayam Road.
- 2. On HUN-8: Tinaighat –Londa-Dharwad-Bellari
- 3. On HUN-10: Shedbal-Londa-Hubali-Harihar-Ariskere-Yaswantpur Bisanttam, Bangalore-Mysure, Bypanhalli-Anekal Road

Presently tender of Kavach have been initiated for Delhi-Mumbai & Delhi-Howrah route in first phase. Further, roll out will be taken up based on experience gained.

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