

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

VIJAYAWADA-GUDUR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

4442 SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

- (a) whether the Railways has allocated Rs.1,000 crores for Vijayawada-Gudur third line project;**
- (b) if so, the details of works done so far and the time by which this project is likely to be completed; and**
- (c) the details of cost and time overrun of the project?**

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.4442 BY SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2022 REGARDING VIJAYAWADA-GUDUR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) to (c) Vijaywada- Gudur 3rd line (287 Km) work was sanctioned in 2015-16 for a length of 287 Km. Cost of the project is ₹ 3876 cr., an expenditure of ₹ 2576 cr has been incurred upto March 2021 and an outlay of ₹ 1000 crore has been proposed for financial year 2022-23. Total 66.85 km tripling has been commissioned. Works have been taken up in balance section.

Completion of a Railway project depends on various factors like expeditious land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of 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. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s), which is finally worked out at the completion stage. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

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 which is 219% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3885 crore in 2019-20(338% more than average annual

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budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 4910 crore in 2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 6223 crore has been provided for these projects, which is 602% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14.

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 104.43 km per year, which is 44% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14(72.6 Km/Yr.)
