

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2865  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

**VIJAYAWADA-KAZIPET THIRD LINE PROJECT**

**2865. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Rs. 592 crores have been allocated for Vijayawada-Kazipet third line in the Budget for 2022-23;**
- (b) if so, whether so far only 18 kms of work out of 220 kms has been completed;**
- (c) if so, the manner in which the above allocation has helped to speed up the project; and**
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2865 BY SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI AND SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING VIJAYAWADA-KAZIPET THIRD LINE PROJECT**

**(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways has taken up Kazipet-Vijayawada (220 km) third line with electrification. Project is an important capacity enhancement project for Railway. Cost of project is ₹ 1953 cr and expenditure of ₹ 831 cr has been incurred upto March 2022. Work on the project has been taken up. Budget outlay to Project/s are provided depending up importance of project/s, physical and financial progress of project/s etc. considering the importance and progress of project budget outlay of ₹ 592.50 crore has been provided for the project for financial year 2022-23. This outlay has certainly boost the pace of execution of project.**

**Completion of a Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick 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/s site and number of working months in a year for particular project site etc., all these factors affect the completion of the project/s. With above constraints every effort is being made to execute project/s expeditiously.**

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**Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of infrastructure projects. 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 allocation of 2009-14. Budget outlay for these projects has been increased to ₹ 3885 crore in 2019-20 (338% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14), ₹ 4910 crore in 2020-21 (454% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14) and ₹ 6223 crore for financial year 2021-22(602% more than average annual outlay during 2009-14). For financial year 2022-23 highest ever budget outlay of ₹ 7,032 crore has been provided for these works which is 694% more than the average budget outlay of 2009-14 (Rs 886 Cr/Yr.).**

**In 2014-22, 989 Km (350 km of New line and 639 km of Doubling) sections falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate 123.63 km per year, which is 70% more than commissioning during 2009-14( 72.6 Km/Yr.)**

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