

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.25
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN
ANDHRA PRADESH**

***25 SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of new railway lines falling fully/partly within the State of Andhra Pradesh that are under construction;**
- (b) the date on which the construction of these lines began along with length in kilometre that have been constructed/classified, year- wise;**
- (c) the amount allocated for construction of these railway lines along with the amount utilised/classified, year-wise; and**
- (d) the timeline by which the Government plans to complete construction of these railway lines?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 STARRED QUESTION NO.25 BY SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) to (d): Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise not State wise as Railways' project/s may span across state boundaries.

However, as on 01.04.2024, 17 New Lines, covering total length of 1,935 km, costing ₹26,292 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in the stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 184 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,530 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

New Line Projects are considered on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives & Railways' own requirements. They are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw-forward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands which covers connectivity in backward & rural areas also.

New Lines projects falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh are covered under 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, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways.

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Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	363 km	72.6 km/Year	-
2014-24	1,510 km	151 km/Year	More than 2 times

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Year	Budget outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-2014	₹886 cr/year	-
2023-2024	₹8,406 cr	More than 9 times

Completion/Execution of Railway project/s depends on various factors like 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, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the execution and completion time of the project/s.
