## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1412 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

### **RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA**

#### 1412. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway stations in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts, Karnataka;
- (b) the details of planned and pending railway projects/works in the above districts;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for development of these railway stations with modern infrastructure, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to augment the rail network/connectivity and train services in these districts of Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1412 BY SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA.

(a) to (e): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not District-wise/State-wise as the Railway projects may span across District/State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, total 31 Railway Infrastructure Projects (21 New Line and 10 Doubling), of total length of 3,840 km, costing ₹47,016 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/ approval/ construction stages, out of which 1,302 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹17,383 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include 21 New Line projects of total length of 2,556 km costing ₹33,125 crore, out of which 395 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,592 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024 along-with 10 Doubling projects of total length of 1,284 km costing ₹13,891 crore, out of which 907 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,791 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects in State of Karnataka as under:-

| Period  | Average Outlay  | Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009- |  |
|---------|-----------------|---|--|
|         |                 | 14  |  |
| 2009-14 | ₹835 crore/year | -   |  |
| 2023-24 | ₹7,561crore     | 9 times                                     |  |
| 2024-25 | ₹7,559 crore    | 9 times                                     |  |

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

| Period  | Total Track  | Average Track | Increase w.r.t. average |
|---------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|         | Commissioned | Commissioned  | commissioning during    |
|         |              |               | 2009-14                 |
| 2009-14 | 565km        | 113 km/year   | -                       |
| 2014-24 | 1,633 km     | 163 km/year   | 1.44 times              |

Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through sch2emes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 Railway Stations, out of which 59 stations in the State of Karnataka, have been identified for development under this scheme over Indian Railways.

The list of stations indentified for development in the State of Karnataka is as under:

| State     | No. of stations | Names of stations   |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Karnataka | 59              | Almatti, Alnavar, Arsikere Junction, Badami, Bagalkot, Ballary, Bangalore Cantt., Bangarpet, Bantawala, Belagavi, Bidar, Bijapur, Chamaraja Nagar, Channapatna, Channasandra, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharwad, Dodballapur, Gadag, Gangapur Road, Gangavathi, Ghataprabha, Gokak Road, Harihar, Hassan, Hosapete, Kalaburagi, Kengeri, Kopal, Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru Station), Krishnarajapuram, Malleswaram, Malur, Mandya, Mangalore Central, Mangalore Jn., Munirabad, Mysore, Raybag, Raichur, Ramanagaram, Ranibennur, Sagar Jambagaru, Sakleshpur, Shahabad, Shivamogga Town, Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Jn, Subramanya Road, Talguppa, Tiptur, Tumakuru, Udupi, Wadi, Whitefield, Yadgir, Yesvantpur, Chikkodi Road Station |

Further, upgradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. However, priority for upgradation/ development/

redevelopment of stations is accorded to higher category of station over lower category of station while sanctioning and executing the work.

As the Railway network straddles across State/District boundaries, trains are operated as per network requirements, across such boundaries. However, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources, etc.

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