

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2707  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

**STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**2707 SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has undertaken any recent survey/study/initiative into the railway projects at present in Andhra Pradesh;**

**(b) if so, the details regarding the railway related projects, including but limited to building new stations, foot over-bridges, railways crossings, railway tracks, retiring rooms and other infrastructure/welfare based projects in Andhra Pradesh;**

**(c) the details regarding the funds allocated and utilised over the last five years for the purpose of railway projects as specified above in Andhra Pradesh;**

**(d) the details regarding the proposed timeline for completion of such projects, especially those proposed, under construction and nearing completion in Andhra Pradesh; and**

**(e) whether the Government is considering any new railway projects in Andhra Pradesh over the next five years, if so, the details regarding the same including but not limited to the funds allocated for the same?**

**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.2707 BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**(a) to (e): The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/ executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries.**

**41 Railway infrastructure projects(17 New Lines and 24 Doubling), covering total length of 5,329 km, costing ₹73,743 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in the stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1006 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹24,150 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.**

**38 Surveys (09 New Line and 29 Doubling) covering a total length of 5663 kms falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned in last three years i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current year 2024-25 under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for the development of multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones with an objective to have integrated planning, enhanced logistics efficiency and remove gaps for seamless movement of people, goods and services, connectivity to industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, agricultural zones including tourist and cultural places..**

**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.**

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget outlay</b>	<b>Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14</b>
<b>2009-2014</b>	<b>₹886 cr/year</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>₹8,406 cr</b>	<b>More than 9 times</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>₹9151 cr</b>	<b>More than 10 times</b>

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

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

**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.

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 schemes 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 stations including 73 stations in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been identified for development under the scheme.

The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as below:

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Stations</b>	<b>Name of Stations</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>Adoni, Anakapalle, Anantapur, Anaparthi, Araku, Bapatla, Bhimavaram Town, Bobbili Jn, Chipurupalli, Chirala, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Cumbum, Dharmavaram, Dhone, Donakonda, Duvvada, Elamanchili , Eluru, Giddalur, Gooty, Gudivada, Gudur, Gunadala , Guntur, Hindupur,</b>

		<b>Ichchpuram, Kadiri, Kakinada Town, Kottavalasa, Kuppam, Kurnool city, Macherla, Machilipatnam , Madanapalli Road, Mangalagiri, Markapuram Road, Matralayam Road, Nadikude Jn, Nandyal, Narasaraopet, Narsapur , Naupada Jn, Nellore, Nidadavolu, Ongole, Pakala, Palasa, Parvatipuram, Piduguralla, Piler, Rajampet, Rajamundry, Rayanapadu , Renigunta, Repalle, Samalkot, Sattenapalle, Satya Sai Prashati Nilayam, Simhachalam, Singaraykonda, Sri Kalahasti, Srikakulam Road, Sullurpeta, Tadepalligudem, Tadipatri, Tenali , Tirupati, Tuni, Vijayawada, Vinukonda,Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram Jn</b>
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**The details of allocation for development and maintenance of stations including for Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are maintained Zonal Railway-wise under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’ and not station-wise or State-wise. Total fund allocated under Plan Head-53 to Zonal Railways for the current Financial Year i.e. in 2024-25, is ₹15510.75 crores. There are 04 zones, namely, East Coast Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway and South Western Railway, which cater to the State of Andhra Pradesh. During the current Financial Year a total amount of ₹3804.50 cr has been allocated to the said 04 zones.**

**Development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.**

**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.**

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