

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**BUDGET ALLOCATION TO SPEED UP NADIKUDI-SRIKALAHASTI
RAILWAY LINE**

315 SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is enhancing budget allocation to expedite Nadikudi – Srikalahasti new railway line in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.315 BY SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING BUDGET ALLOCATION TO SPEED UP NADIKUDI-SRIKALAHASTI RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (c): Nadikudi-Srikalahasti (309 km) new line project has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, in which Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has to provide land free of cost and share 50% construction cost of project.

Cost of the project is ₹3,122 cr and an expenditure of ₹1,669.03 cr has been incurred till March 2024. An outlay of ₹450 crore has been proposed for the financial year 2024-25 against the outlay of 202 crore given in financial year 2023-24. Out of 309 km of project length, 74 km from Nadikudi to Darsi has been commissioned. Work is in progress in stretches where land is available.

Till March'24, Government of Andhra Pradesh has deposited only ₹6 crore towards their share in the project. Out of total scope of 2216 Ha. of land acquisition, only 1466 Ha. have been handed over and balance 750 Ha. is yet to be handed over.

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:

Year	Budget outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-2014	₹886 cr/year	-
2023-2024	₹8406 cr	More than 9 times

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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	change 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

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.
