

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

387. SHRI S VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the line projects in Tamil Nadu with their year of inclusion in the budget and latest anticipated cost with the expenditure incurred so far along with the expenditure due to be met with in future;**
- (b) whether these new line projects have been shelved or dropped; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in the execution of the said projects?**

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. 387 BY SHRI S VENKATESAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, 22 Railways infrastructures projects (10 new line, 03 Gauge conversion and 09 doubling) of total length 2,587 Km, costing ₹33,467 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/ execution, out of which 665 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,153 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include:-

- 10 New Line Projects of total length 872 Km, costing ₹14,669 crore, out of which 24 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,223 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- 03 Gauge Conversion Projects of total length 748 Km, costing ₹5,417 crore, out of which 604 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,267 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- 09 Doubling Projects of total length 967 Km, costing ₹13,381 crore, out of which 37 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,664 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are covered under Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railways. Zone-wise and Year-wise details of all Railway projects including latest sanctioned cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety projects falling fully/ partly in the State of Tamil Nadu has been enhanced to highest at ₹6,362 crore this year which is nearly seven times of the budget allocation of ₹922 crore in 2013-14.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹879 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹6,080 crore	nearly 7 times

In 2014-24, 1302 Km section (39 km New Line, 456 Km of Gauge Conversion and 807 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State the Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate of 130.2 Km per year.

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government. State Government assesses the compensation amount and advises to Railway. On receipt of demand from State Government, Railway deposits compensation amount with concerned District Land acquisition Authority. Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is held up due to delay in land acquisition and only about 807 Ha land has been acquired out of total requirement of about 2749 Ha. Railway had initiated efforts for acquisition of land but could not succeed in acquiring land for projects. Support of the Government of Tamil Nadu is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry 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 site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.
