

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.29
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

FUNDS FOR PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

***29. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for the pending and ongoing railway projects in Tamil Nadu that are currently lagging way behind its date of completion;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken serious steps to ensure timely completion of railway projects in Tamil Nadu pending more than five years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to accelerate the completion of pending projects?**

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. 29 BY THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING FUNDS FOR PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU.

(a) to (d): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. Railway projects in Tamil Nadu are covered by Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railways. The details of Railway projects including allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise and Zonal Railway wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation in State of Tamil Nadu as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹879 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹6,080 crore	more than 6 times
2024-25	₹6,362 crore	more than 7 times

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. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length	Length Commissioned	Balance to complete	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in Crore)
New line	10	872 Km	24 Km	848 Km	1,223
Gauge conversion	3	748 Km	604 Km	144 Km	3,267
Doubling /multitracking	9	967 Km	37 Km	930 Km	2,664
Total	22	2587 Km	665 Km	1922 Km	7,153

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. Status of land acquisition in Tamil Nadu is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Tamil Nadu	3389 Ha
Land Acquired	866 Ha (26%)
Balance Land to be acquired	2523 Ha (74%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Tamil Nadu. For instance, details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

SN	Name of the project	Total land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1.	Tindivanam –Tiruvannamalainew line (185 km)	273	33	240
2.	Attiputtu – Puttur New Line (88 km)	189	0	189
3.	Morappur – Dharmapuri (36 km)	93	0	93
4.	Mannargudi – Pattukkottai (41 km)	152	0	152
5.	Thanjavur – Pattukottai (52 Km)	196	0	196

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.
