

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

SURVEYS FOR NEW RAILWAY LINES IN TELANGANA

254 SHRI GODAM NAGESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch surveys for new Railway lines in the State of Telangana;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the proposed new routes that are going to be surveyed; and

(c) the status of the survey of the line being undertaken after the same was announced in the Railway Budget 2023-24 and the details thereof?

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.254 BY SHRI GODAM NAGESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING SURVEYS FOR NEW RAILWAY LINES IN TELANGANA

(a) to (c): Railway projects/surveys are not sanctioned State-wise/District-wise/Region-wise/Constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' projects may span across State boundaries/Parliamentary Constituencies. Railway projects are taken up Zonal Railway-wise on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Member of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Railway projects in Telangana are covered by South Central Railway and South Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone wise details of Railway projects, including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

62 Surveys (19 New Line and 43 Doubling) covering a total length of 6066 kms falling fully/partly in the State of Telangana 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 etc.

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After completion of survey, 08 Projects covering a total length of 828 kms falling fully/partly in the State of Telangana costing ₹10,448 crore have been sanctioned in year 2023-24.

As on 01.04.2024, 20 projects(07 New Lines and 13 Doubling), covering total length of 2,298 km length, costing ₹32,946 crore, falling fully/partly in Telangana, are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 474 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,958 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. The summary is as under:

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Balance to complete (in km)	Exp upto March 2024 (₹. in cr.)
New Line	7	997	245	752	4433
Double Line	13	1301	230	1072	5526
TOTAL	20	2298	474	1824	9958

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure and other works falling fully/partly in the State of Telangana is as under:

Year	Budget outlay
2023-2024	₹4,418 cr
2024-2025	₹5,336 cr

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The details of commissioning/laying of new track across Indian Railways is given below:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned
2009-14	87 km	17.4 km/Year
2014-24	650 km	65 km/Year (More than 3 times)

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like quick 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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) delegation of powers at field level, (iii) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (iv) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
