

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3796
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**DELAY IN DOUBLING WORK FROM BIRUR TO SHIVAMOGGA
RAILWAY STATION, KARNATAKA**

3796. SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the delay in doubling work from Birur to Shivamogga Railway Station in Karnataka;**
- (b) the projected timeline and budgetary requirements for undertaking the doubling of the said railway line; and**
- (c) the details of the measures planned to prioritize the said project to enhance connectivity and support economic growth in the region?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/

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saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations including trade and tourism etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

As on 01.04.2024, 31 projects (21 new lines, and 10 Doubling) of total length of 3,840 Km, costing ₹47,016 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka, are at various stages of planning and implementation. Out of these 1,302 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹17,383 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	21	2556	395	7592
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1284	907	9791
Total	31	3840	1302	17383

Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Karnataka is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹835 crore/year
2024-25	₹7,559 crore (more than 9 times)

Final Location Survey (FLS) for doubling between Birur - Shivamoga (63 KM) was completed in 2016 but the project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projections. However, a fresh Final Location Survey (FLS) has been sanctioned in June, 2024 to assess the latest cost and traffic projections.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 climate conditions etc.
