

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3799  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**IMPROVEMENT IN TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY IN RAIL PROJECTS**

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the specific improvements in transportation efficiency and supply chain management are expected from rail projects;**
- (b) the manner in which the enhanced connectivity will affect the local economies of the districts covered by these projects;**
- (c) whether any measures have been taken to ensure that the benefits of these projects are evenly distributed among the States involved, including Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**(a) to (d): 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/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members 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.**

**The launch of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) has brought transformative approach in planning and execution of infrastructural transportation projects. The NMP, spanning across the entire country has brought in synergy between the infrastructure sectors such as railways, shipping, roadways, telecommunications, pipelines, etc. through collaboration amongst concerned Ministries/State Governments/Departments, thereby bringing in vast improvement in transportation efficiency, supply chain management, enhancing connectivity affecting local economies, speeding up the clearances needed for the project completion as well as planning at a faster pace.**

**Indian Railways has imbibed the principles of Gati Shakti in its project planning process and now survey of all New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects are taken up 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/ commodities i.e. agricultural products, fertilizers, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, limestone etc. and services including connectivity to places of strategic importance, border areas, industrial clusters, ports, mines, power plants, villages etc.

Railway Infrastructure Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh are covered by East Coast Railway (ECoR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain.

As on 01.04.2024, 41 projects(17 New Lines and 24 Doubling), covering total length of 5,329 km length, costing Rs.73,743 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 1,006 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.24,150 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. The summary is as under:-

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (in Km)</b>	<b>Expenditure upto March 2024 (Rs. in cr.)</b>
<b>New lines</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>5530</b>
<b>Doubling / Multitracking</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3394</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>18620</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5329</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>24150</b>

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

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-2014</b>	<b>Rs.886 Crore /year</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>Rs.9,151 Crore (More than 10 times)</b>

**The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>363 km</b>	<b>72.6 km/Year</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>1,510 km</b>	<b>151 km/Year (More than 2 times)</b>

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