

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 416
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN RAJAHMUNDRY

416. SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of survey approved for new railway lines in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the present status thereof, zone/section-wise particularly in the Lok Sabha constituency of Rajahmundry;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent on these surveys during the last three years, zone-wise;**
- (c) whether the Railways has sanctioned projects for laying of new railway lines for which surveys have already been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, zone/section-wise;**
- (d) whether any time-frame has been fixed to reach a final decision on the completed survey reports for laying of new railway lines and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the projects for which surveys have already been completed?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 416 BY SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINE IN RAJAHMUNDRY

(a) to (e): New Railway line projects are surveyed/ sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not Parliamentary constituency wise as the Railways' surveys/projects may span across State/UT/constituency boundaries.

During the last three years and the current FY 2024-25, 287 surveys for New Lines of a total length of 25,575 km at a cost of ₹710 crore have been sanctioned throughout the country including those falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh. The expenditure incurred on these surveys during the last 03 years is ₹167.47 crore.

Zonal Railway-wise details of these sanctioned New Line survey are given below:-

SN	Zone	No. of New line surveys approved.	Total Length (in km)
1	Central Railway	15	1443
2	East Coast Railway	26	1900
3	East Central Railway	20	1053
4	Eastern Railway	5	171
5	North Central Railway	10	605
6	North Eastern Railway	5	442
7	Northeast Frontier Railway	30	2865
8	Northern Railway	33	1485
9	North Western Railway	20	1709
10	South Central Railway	25	4293
11	South East Central Railway	27	4045
12	South Eastern Railway	17	1335
13	Southern Railway	6	907
14	South Western Railway	16	1566
15	West Central Railway	9	673
16	Western Railway	23	1083

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The details of 34 New Line projects sanctioned during the last 03 years and the current FY 2024-25 are as under:-

Railway	No. of new line projects sanctioned in the last three years and current year.	Total length (in kms)
Central	04	524
East Coast	08	616
East Central	03	53
North Eastern	02	82
North Western	08	278
South Central	01	57
South East Central	01	37
South Eastern	02	168
South Western	01	18
Southern	01	01
Western	03	65

After firming up of Detailed Project Report, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

New Line projects falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway zones of Indian Railways.

Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

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As on 01.04.2024, 17 New Lines, covering total length of 1,935 km, costing ₹26,292 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in the stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 184 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹5,530 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Year	Budget outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-2014	₹886 Crore /year	-
2024-2025	₹9,151 Crore	More than 10 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	363 km	72.6 km/Year	-
2014-24	1,510 km	151 km/Year	More than 2 times

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy sanction and implementation of rail projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritisation of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) 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.
