

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2262
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

SWAMIHALLI TO RAYADURGA BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE

2262. SHRI E TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Final Location Survey (FLS) work for the proposed new Broad Gauge (BG) railway line from Swamihalli of Sandur Taluk (Bellary District) to Rayadurga (Andhra Pradesh) via Molakalmuru including the progress achieved so far; and**
- (b) the details of the timeline for the completion of FLS work along with the tentative date for the commencement of physical construction work at the project site?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Railway projects are surveyed/ sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity,

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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.

Final Location Survey (FLS) between Swamihalli – Rayadurga new line (52 Km) has been sanctioned. Molakalmuru is already connected to Rayadurga.

After firming up of Detailed Project Report (DPR), 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.

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 which 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

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.
