

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5154
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

**ELECTRIFICATION OF SAKALESHPUR AND SUBRAMANYA ROAD GHAT
SECTION**

5154. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of railway electrification between Sakaleshpur and Subramanya Road Ghat section;**
- (b) whether there are any impediments delaying the completion of the electrification work and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the timeline for the completion of the said electrification;**
- (d) whether the Government is considering the long-standing public demand to introduce a Vande Bharat Express connecting Karwar/Udupi with Bangalore upon completion of electrification in the Ghat section, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether a Feasibility Study was undertaken by SWR to upgrade Arebetta Railway Station into a crossing station to enhance ghat section capacity and if so, details thereof; and**
- (f) the present status of the Study and whether any decision has been made regarding its implementation and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) Railway Electrification works have been completed in Subrahmanya Road to Shiribagilu (14 Rkm) and Sakleshpur-Donigal (9 Rkm) section of South Western Railway (SWR). Further, Electrification works have been undertaken in the remaining section i.e. Shiribagilu-Donigal (32 Rkm) ghat section of Sakleshpur to Subrahmanya Road (55 Rkm) route.

The completion of Electrification project(s) depends on various factors like forest clearances by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law & order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).

At present, Karwar-Bengaluru sector is served by 2 pairs of train services while Udupi-Bengaluru sector is served by 3 pairs of train services. Besides, introduction of new train services including Vande Bharat train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

Upgradation of any Railway station into a crossing station is taken up subject to traffic justification, line capacity utilization, operational feasibility, availability of resources, Geographical and topographical conditions of area etc. The examination of upgradation of Arebetta Railway Station into a crossing station has been taken up considering the site conditions.
