

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

ESTABLISHMENT OF KAZIPET RAILWAY DIVISION

5248. DR. KADIYAM KAVYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has considered the proposal of long pending public demand for establishing Kazipet Railway Division on the lines of the existing division at Visakhapatnam, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the current status of the proposal for setting up a Periodical Over Hauling (POH) unit in Warangal, as announced earlier;**
- (c) whether the Government has identified any new locations in Telangana for setting up railway workshops or maintenance facilities, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of ongoing railway projects in Telangana including the Kazipet railway wagon manufacturing unit?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Division on Indian Railways is set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operational / administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. Secunderabad division is serving the needs of lines within its jurisdiction, including Kazipet, and present arrangement is working satisfactorily.

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Creation/upgradation of Rolling Stock manufacturing / maintenance infrastructure is a continuous process in Indian Railways and is based on the operational, traffic requirements etc. Indian Railway has planned to develop a Railway Manufacturing Unit at Kazipet, Telangana at a cost of ₹ 521.36 crore which will be capable of manufacturing and maintaining a variety of modern Rolling Stocks. Till February, 2025, expenditure amounting to ₹ 282.1 crore has already been made on this work.

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 climatic conditions etc.

As on 01.04.2024, 20 projects(07 new line and 13 doubling), covering total length of 2,298 Km length, costing ₹ 32,946 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Telangana, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 474 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 9,958 crore has been incurred upto March' 2024. The status of the work is summarized as under:

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure up to March 2024 (₹ in crore)
New Line	7	997	245	4433
Double Line	13	1301	230	5526
Total	20	2298	474	9958

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the state of Telangana is as under:

Year	Budget outlay
2024-25	₹ 5,336 crore
2025-26	₹ 5,337 crore

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

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	Increase with respect to average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	87 Km	17.4 Km/year	-
2014-24	650 Km	65 Km/year	Nearly 4 times

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritization 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. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.
