

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

UPGRADATION OF AREBETTA RAILWAY STATION

1631. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a feasibility study was undertaken by South Western Railway (SWR) to upgrade Arebetta Railway Station into a crossing station to enhance ghat section capacity, if so, the present status of the study;**
- (b) whether any decision has been made regarding its implementation and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the measures taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the infrastructure and enhance safety in the Sakaleshpur and Subramanya Road section particularly in response to past challenges caused by landslides;**
- (d) the present status of railway electrification between Sakaleshpur and Subramanya Road Ghat section under SWR; and**
- (e) the details of the impediments delaying the completion of the electrification work?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): It has been decided to develop Arebetta Railway Station as a

Crossing station. Hassan Mangalore Rail Development Company Limited (HMRDCL) has agreed to bear the cost of development of Arebetta Railway Station as a Crossing station.

Adequate safety measures such as flattening of slopes, provision of Rock fall barrier protection, provision of boulder netting for arresting boulder fall, provision of Gabion wall, Improvements to side drain have been taken to enhance safety in Sakaleshpur- Subramanya Road Ghat section especially in view of the past challenges caused by landslides.

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 Sakaleshpur 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 condition etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).
