GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4486 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

OPERATIONAL RESTRICTION AT SAKALESHPUR- SUBRAMANYA ROAD GHAT

4486. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) had laid down complex operational restrictions around five years ago at Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road Ghat Section and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to review and relax CCRS norms in the Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road (SKLR-SBHR) Ghat Section and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the specific measures taken to strengthen infrastructure and enhance safety measures in the Sakleshpur to Subramanya Ghat section; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to improve capacity including electrification work and the potential for a Crossing Station at Arebetta to improve operational efficiency?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) The Sakleshpur-Subrahmanya Road Ghat section was opened for passenger traffic in 2007. While giving authorization, Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) permitted the crossing of trains at Donigal and Shrivagilu stations, but Crossing/Precedence of trains was not permitted at Kadagaravalli (KGVL) and Yedakumari (YDK).

However, considering the operational requirements, permission for crossing/precedence at Kadagaravalli and Yedakumari stations was also given by the competent authority in 2020 with some restrictions keeping in view safety considerations.

The electrification work of Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road Ghat section has been taken up. Work is also sanctioned for commissioning of Crossing Station at Arebetta at a cost of ₹32.55 crores, which includes electrification cost of ₹1.38 crores.

The following safety measures have also been taken to enhance safety in Sakleshpur-Subrahmanya Road Ghat section especially for the past challenges caused by landslides:-

- Flattening of slopes of cuttings in 3000m length completed.
- Provision of Rock fall barrier protection in 210m completed.
- Provision of boulder netting for arresting boulder fall for a length of 2450m completed and work in progress in a length of 2730m.
- Provision of Gabion wall for a length of 950m completed and work in progress in a length of 330m.
- Improvements to side drains completed for a length of 9100m and work in progress in a length of 900m.
