

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.48
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

MACHILIPATNAM AND REPALLE RAILWAY LINE

***48. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Machilipatnam and Repalle railway line is a long-pending demand of Diviseema and Avanigadda people in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that after completion of the project, this small stretch will save 55 kms. of train journey and nearly 1½ hours of time and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of usefulness of this stretch for transportation of goods since Machilipatnam port is coming up;

(d) the details of the reasons for pending construction of this stretch since long; and

(e) the details of the timeline by which this stretch is going to be completed?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
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(a) to (e) Machilipatnam and Repalle are already connected via Vijayawada Junction on the existing railway network. Recently doubling of Machilipatnam-Gudivada-Vijayawada has been completed which will improve the connectivity to Machilipatnam port.

To provide direct and shorter connectivity between Machilipatnam and Repalle, a survey for construction of new railway line (45.30 Km) has been sanctioned. The field survey has been taken up to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Further, to improve the connectivity in the region, following surveys have been sanctioned for preparation of the DPR:

SN	Name of Surveys	Length (Km)
1	Machilipatnam-Narsapur new line	74
2	Repalle-Bapatlanew line	46
3	Gudur-Vijayawada 4th line	293
4	Vijaywada bypass line (Indupalli - Duggirala)	49

After preparation of 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 depend upon appraisal and approval by various stakeholders.

ANDHRA PRADESH:

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

PERIOD	OUTLAY
2009-2014	₹886 cr/year (including Telangana)
2025-2026	₹9,417 cr.

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	363 km	-
2014-25	1,582 km	More than 4 times

As on 01.04.2025, 39 projects (12 New Lines and 27 Doubling), covering total length of 4,498 km length, costing ₹70,231 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, have been sanctioned, out of which 1,179 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹28,039 crore has been incurred upto March 2025. The status of the work is summarized as:

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (km)	Length Commissioned (Km)	Balance to complete (km)	Exp upto March 2025 (₹. in cr.)
New Line	12	1595	199	1395	6,413
Double Line	27	2904	979	1925	21,626
TOTAL	39	4,498	1,179	3,320	28,039

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

S.No.	Name of Project	Cost (₹. in cr.)
1	Vijaywada – Gudivada – Bhimavaram - Narsapur, Gudivada-Machlipatnam&Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu doubling (221 km)	4,688
2	Guntur-Tenali doubling (24 km)	205
3	Nandyal-Yerraguntla new line (126 km)	1,050
4	Jaggayyapeta-Mellacheruvu-Janpahad new line (48 km)	737
5	Obulavaripalle-Krishnapattnam new line (113 km)	2,300
6	Vizianagaram-Kottavalsa 3rd Line (35 km)	285
7	Raichur-Guntakal doubling (81 km)	388
8	Guntakal-Kalluru doubling (41 km)	410
9	Yelahanka-Penukonda doubling (123 km)	1,104
10	Gooty-Dharmavaram doubling (90 km)	1,800

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh which have been taken up are as under:

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (Cr)
1	Kotipalli-Narsapur new line (57 Km)	2,120
2	Nadikude-Srikalahasti new line (309 Km)	3,122
3	Rayadurg-Kalyandurg-Tumkur new line (207 Km)	2,496
4	Marikuppam-Kuppam new line (24 Km)	297
5	Malugur – Palasamudram new line (18 Km)	342
6	Malkangiri- Bhadrachalam - Pandurangapuram new line (174 Km)	3,592
7	Errupalem-Amravati-Namburu new line (57 Km)	2,047
8	Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)	2,500
9	Vijaywada- Gudur 3rd line (287 Km)	6,509
10	Guntakal- Guntur Doubling (401 Km)	4,306
11	Pennukonda-Dharmavarm Doubling (42 Km)	308
12	Gooty-Pendekallu Doubling(29 Km)	352
13	Duvvada - Simhachalam North 3rd & 4th line (21 Km)	356
14	Kottavalasa - Vizianagram 4th line (35 Km)	493

S.N	Name of Project	Cost (Cr)
15	Gudur-Renigunta 3rd Line (83 Km)	877
16	Nergundi - Palasa- Vizianagaram 3rd line (385 Km)	4,963

In last three Years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 64 surveys (15 New Line, 49 Doubling) covering a total length of 6,967 km has been taken up falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Sanction of any railway project depend upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- **Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- **First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**
- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**
- **Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,**
- **Railway's own operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition**
- **Forest clearance**
- **Shifting of infringing utilities**
- **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
- **Geological and topographical conditions of area**

- **Law and order situation in the area of project site**
- **Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.**

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
