

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2957
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

**WAIT LISTING DATA OF TRAIN ORIGINATING/PASSING THROUGH
VISAKHAPATNAM**

2957. SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of top ten train routes originating from/passing through Visakhapatnam, based on average monthly occupancy rates and waiting list data during the last two years;**
- (b) the details of the average number of passengers waitlisted at the time of chart preparation for high demand routes including Visakhapatnam–Tirupati, Visakhapatnam–Bengaluru and Visakhapatnam–Hyderabad;**
- (c) the comparison of demand-supply gap for trains at Visakhapatnam with other A1-category stations in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Odisha; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to address this demand through introduction of new trains, augmentation of existing services, infrastructure capacity expansion and if so, the details thereof and the timelines for such measures?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): On Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes

remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization. During 2024-25, the overall occupancy over Indian Railways was more than 100%. During the same period, 7.5% passengers out of the total reserved passengers remained waitlisted.

Presently, Visakhapatnam-Tirupati sector is served by 24 pairs, Visakhapatnam - Bengaluru sector by 18 pairs and Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad sector by 21 pairs of train services. Similarly, Visakhapatnam-Howrah sector and Visakhapatnam-Raipur Sector are served by 22 pairs and 08 pairs of train services respectively.

(i) Trains serving Visakhapatnam-Tirupati sector :

SN	Train Number and Name
1	12253/54 Yesvantpur-Bhagalpur Anga Express
2	12659/60 Shalimar – Nagercoil Express
3	12835/36 Hatia – SMVT Bengaluru Express
4	12845/46 Bhubaneswar – SMVT Bengaluru Express
5	12863/64 Howrah – SMVT Bengaluru Express
6	12867/68 Howrah – Puducherry Express
7	12889/90 Tatanagar – SMVT Bengaluru Express
8	13433/34 Malda Town – SMVT Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express
9	17479/80 Puri – Tirupati Express
10	17481/82 Bilaspur – Tirupati Express
11	18521/22 Visakhapatnam – Cuddapah Express
12	18567/68 Visakhapatnam – Kollam Express
13	18637/38 Hatia – SMVT Bengaluru Express
14	20889/90 Howrah – Tirupati Humsafar Express
15	22503/04 Dibrugarh – Kanyakumari Vivek Express

16	22707/08 Visakhapatnam – Tirupati Weekly Express
17	22817/18 Howrah – Mysuru Express
18	22833/34 Bhubaneswar-SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express
19	22837/38 Hatia – Ernakulam Dharti Aaba Express
20	22851/52 Santragachi – Mangaluru Vivek Express
21	22855/56 Santragachi – Tirupati Express
22	22871/72 Bhubaneswar – Tirupati Express
23	22879/80 Bhubaneswar – Tirupati Express
24	22887/88 Howrah – SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express

(ii) Trains serving Visakhapatnam - Bengaluru sector:

SN	Train Number and Name
1	18463/64 Bhubaneswar – KSR Bengaluru Prashanti Express
2	12845/46 Bhubaneswar – SMVT Bengaluru Express
3	22833/34 Bhubaneswar – SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express
4	12253/54 Bhagalpur – Yesvantpur Anga Express
5	12509/10 Guwahati – SMVT Bengaluru Express
6	18637/38 Hatia – SMVT Bengaluru Express
7	12835/36 Hatia – SMVT Bengaluru Express
8	12503/04 Agartala – SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express
9	22817/18 Howrah – Mysuru Express
10	22887/88 Howrah – SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express
11	12863/64 Howrah – SMVT Bengaluru Express
12	22305/06 Jasidih – SMVT Bengaluru Express
13	15227/28 Muzaffarpur – SMVT Bengaluru Express
14	13433/34 Malda Town – SMVT Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express
15	22501/02 New Tinsukia – SMVT Bengaluru Express

16	22883/84 Puri – Yesvantpur Garib Rath Express
17	18111/12 Tatanagar – Yesvantpur Express
18	12889/90 Tatanagar – SMVT Bengaluru Express

(iii) Trains serving Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad sector:

SN	Train Number and Name
1	11019/20 CSMT-Bhubaneswar Konark Express
2	12513/14 Secunderabad-Silchar Express
3	12703/04 Howrah – Secunderabad Falaknuma Express
4	12727/28 Visakhapatnam – Hyderabad Godavari Express
5	12739/40 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad Garib Rath Express
6	12773/74 Shalimar – Secunderabad Express
7	12783/84 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad Express
8	12805/06 Visakhapatnam – Lingampalli Express
9	12861/62 Visakhapatnam – Mahbubnagar Express
10	17015/16 Bhubaneswar – Secunderabad Visakha Express
11	18045/46 Shalimar –Charlapalli East Coast Express
12	18111/12 Tatanagar – Yesvantpur Express
13	18503/04 Visakhapatnam – Sainagar Shirdi Express
14	18519/20 Visakhapatnam – Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express
15	20708/09 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad Express
16	20809/10 Sambalpur – Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
17	20811/12 Visakhapatnam – Hazur Sahib Nanded Express
18	20833/34 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
19	22203/04 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad Durgam Express
20	22849/50 Shalimar – Secunderabad Express
21	22882/81 Bhubaneswar – Pune Express

(iv) Trains serving Visakhapatnam-Howrah sector:

SN	Train Number and Name
1	22851/52 Mangaluru - Santragachi Vivek Express
2	12703/04 Secunderabad-Howrah Falaknuma Express
3	20889/90 Tirupati-Howrah Humsafar Express
4	22887/88 SMVT Bengaluru-Howrah Humsafar Express
5	12863/64 SMVT Bengaluru-Howrah Express
6	12839/40 MGR Chennai Central-Howrah Mail
7	18047/48 Vasco-da-Gama-Shalimar Amaravati Express
8	22855/56 Tirupati-Santragachi Suf Express
9	12867/68 Puducherry-Howrah Express
10	12663/64 Tiruchchirappalli-Howrah Express
11	22825/26 MGR Chennai Central-Shalimar Express
12	12665/66 Kanniyakumari-Howrah Express
13	22853/54 Visakhapatnam-Shalimar Express
14	12773/74 Secunderabad-Shalimar Express
15	22849/50 Secunderabad- Shalimar Express
16	12841/42 MGR Chennai Central-Howrah Coromandel Express
17	22817/18 Mysuru-Howrah Express
18	22841/42 Tambaram- Santragachi Antyodaya Express
19	22807/08 MGR Chennai Central- Santragachi Express
20	18045/46 Charlapalli-Shalimar East Coast Express
21	12659/60 Nagercoil-Shalimar Express
22	22641/42 Thiruvananthapuram Central (Trivandrum)-Shalimar Express

(v) Trains serving Visakhapatnam-Raipur Sector:

SN	Train Number and Name
1.	58527/28 Raipur – Visakhapatnam Passenger
2	17481/82 Bilaspur – Tirupati Express
3	12807/08 Visakhapatnam – Hazrat Nizamuddin Samata Express
4	18573/74 Visakhapatnam – Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
5	18517/18 Korba – Visakhapatnam Express
6	22847/48 Visakhapatnam – Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
7	20829/30 Durg –Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
8	18529/30 Durg –Visakhapatnam Express

Further, to cater inter alia to the needs of Visakhapatnam the following services have been provided during last 3 years:

SN	Train Number and Name
1	20833/20834 Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
2	20707/20708 Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
3	20841/20842 Bhubaneshwar-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
4	20829/20830 Durg-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
5	13433/13434 SMVT Bengaluru-Malda Town Amrit Bharat Express via Visakhapatnam

Besides, introduction of new train services on any route/section and/or augmentation of train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section**

- **Availability of path**
- **Availability of required rolling stock**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other asset**

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	6413
Double Line	27	2904	979	1925	21626
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 (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
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.

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