

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN SAVALYAPURAM TO BAPATLA

***174.SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal/representation for the construction of a new railway line connecting Savalyapuram and Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the said proposal;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to undertake a feasibility survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Savalyapuram–Bapatla railway line, considering its potential to decongest the Guntur–Vijayawada section and improve connectivity between Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai and the eastern coastal region and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the economic, freight, tourism and passenger potential of the proposed line, particularly for agricultural produce, mineral transport and pilgrimage traffic to Kotappakonda (Sri Trikoteswara Swamy Temple); and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the timeline proposed for initiating further action on the project?**

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 STARRED QUESTION NO.174 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026 IN LOK SABHA

(a) to (e): Savalyapuram and Bapatla are already connected through existing railway network via Guntur & Tenali.

To decongest Guntur-Vijayawada double line section and to improve connectivity in the region, following projects have been taken up:

Name of project	Cost (Cr.)	Status
Errupalem-Amravati-Namburu new line (57 Km)	2,047	The project has been sanctioned and land acquisition has been taken up.
Kotipalli-Narsapur new line (57 Km)	2,120	The project has been sanctioned and land acquisition and works on important bridges have been taken up.
Guntur- Bibinagar doubling (239 Km)	2,853	The project has been sanctioned and work has been taken up.
Guntur-Guntakal doubling (401 Km)	4,306	So far, 357 Km length has been commissioned and work on balance section has been taken up
Multitracking and connectivity of Guntur Yard (8 Km)	147	The project has been sanctioned recently.

Kotappakonda is about 11 Km away from Narasaraopet Railway Station which serves as the transportation hub for the town & nearby region.

In addition, to improve connectivity in the region, following surveys have been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report:

S. No.	Name of project
1	Ballarshah-Gudur via Vijayawada 4th line (745 Km)
2	Vijayawada-Eluru 3rd and 4th line (120 Km)
3	Gudiwada-Tenali bypassing Vijayawada (49 Km)
4	Nallapadu Rail Over Rail (RoR) flyover (31 Km)

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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 cannot be fixed.

Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' requirements, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

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. (more than 10 times)

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:

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Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	363 Km	72.6 Km per year
2014-25	1,582 Km	143.8 Km per year (Nearly 2 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 39 projects (12 New Line and 27 Doubling), covering a total length of 4,499 Km length, costing ₹70,232 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, have been sanctioned, out of which 1,178 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:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2025 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2025 (Rs. in Cr.)
New Line	12	1595	199	6,413
Multi-tracking/Doubling	27	2904	979	21,626
Total	39	4,499	1,178	28,039

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

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	Vijayawada-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-Palسامudram 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	Vijayawada-Gudur 3rd line (287 Km)	6,509
10	Guntakal-Guntur doubling (401 Km)	4,306
11	Penukonda-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 addition, In last three Years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 65 surveys (15 new line and 50 doubling), covering a total length of 6,985 Km have been taken up falling fully/partly in the

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State of Andhra Pradesh including projects which will help decongest Guntur-Vijayawada section and improve connectivity in the region.

Sanction of any railway project depends 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 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.