

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2070
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

STATUS OF ONGOING/SANCTIONED RAILWAY PROJECTS KARNATAKA

2070. SHRI GOVIND MAKTHAPPA KARJOL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing/sanctioned railway projects in the State of Karnataka, including new lines, doubling, electrification and suburban rail projects, indicating for each project the funds sanctioned/funds released/funds utilized so far and the stipulated and revised timelines for completion;**
- (b) the details of the present status of these projects and the reasons for delays and cost overruns, if any;**
- (c) the extent of support provided by the Government of Karnataka in terms of land acquisition, statutory clearances and financial contribution and whether lack of timely support from the State Government has affected the progress of any project and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Central Government to address these issues and ensure timely completion of railway projects in Karnataka?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹835 crore/year
2025-26	₹7,564 crore (more than 9 times)

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As on 01.04.2025, 25 projects (15 new lines, 10 doubling) of 3,264 km length, costing ₹ 42,517 crore falling fully/partly in Karnataka are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of sanctioned Projects	Total Length (in km)	Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (km)	Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in cr.)
New Line	15	2,034	421	8,794
Doubling/ Multitracking	10	1,230	973	12,516
Total	25	3,264	1,394	21,310

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

S. No	Project	Cost (₹in Crores)
1	Kottur-Harihar new line (65 km)	468
2	Hassan-Bangalore new line (167 km)	1,290
3	Bidar-Gulbarga new line (110 km)	1,543
4	Shivani-Hosadurga Road doubling (10 km)	50
5	Shivani-Birur Doubling (29 km)	143
6	Hosadurga-Chikjajur doubling (29 km)	260
7	Ramanagram-Mysore patch doubling (94 km)	998
8	Yelahanka - Chennasadra doubling (13 km)	108
9	Yeshwantpur-Yelahanka doubling (12 km)	95
10	Netrawati-Mangalore Central doubling (2 km)	28

11	Kankanadi-Panambur doubling (19 km)	350
12	Arsikere-Tumkur doubling (96 km)	758
13	Yelahanka-Penukonda doubling (123 km)	1,104
14	Daund-Gulbarga doubling (225 km)	3,182
15	Hubli-Chikjajur doubling (190 km)	1,850

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

S No.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Vasco-de-Gama doubling (312 km)	4,153
2	Hotgi-Gadag doubling (284 km)	2,459
3	Ginigera - Raichur new line (165 km)	3,401
4	Gadag - Wadi new line (257 km)	2,842
5	Bagalkot - Kudachi new line (142 km)	1,649
6	Tumkur - Rayadurga new line (207 km)	2,496
7	Tumkur - Davangere new line (182 km)	2,142
8	Kadur - Chikmagalur - Belur new line (68 km)	825
9	Baiyyapanahalli - Hosur doubling (48 km)	336
10	Yeshwanthpur - Channasandra doubling (22 km)	314

In last three years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 65 surveys (25 new line and 40 doubling) covering a total length of 7,240 km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka.

Details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

S No.	Project	Total Land required (in ha)	Land acquired (in ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in ha)
1	Shimoga – Rannebennur new line (96 km)	559	226	333
2	Belgaum – Dharwad new line (73 km)	581	0	581
3	Shimoga – Harihar new line (79 km)	488	0	488
4	Whitefield-Kolar new line (53 km)	337	0	337
5	Hassan-Belur new line (32 km)	206	0	206

Summary of the status of land acquisition in Karnataka is as under:-

Total Land required for Projects in Karnataka	9,064 ha
Land Acquired	5,707 ha (63%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3,357 ha (37%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Karnataka.

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 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 by State Government**
- **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.

Bengaluru Suburban:

Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), a Company controlled by State Government of Karnataka (51% equity) is executing the Bengaluru Suburban Transport Project (BSTP). BSTP (148.17 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 15,767 Cr. with 20% funding each by Government of India and Government of Karnataka and 60% through debt.

BSTP has four Corridors, viz.,

Corridor-1: KSR Bengaluru City - Devanahalli (41.4 Km)

Corridor-2: Baiyyapanahalli - Chikkabanawara (25.01 Km)

Corridor-3: Kengeri - Whitefield (35.52 Km)

Corridor-4: Heelalige - Rajankunte (46.25 Km)

Work is in progress on Corridor-2 & 4. Preliminary work for Corridor 1 & 3 has been taken up by K-RIDE. Indian Railway has transferred the railway land to K-RIDE for the project however progress of transferring of State Government land is very slow.

Ministry of Railways has released ₹ 500 Cr. for BSTP project till date. Till date, expenditure of ₹ 2,385 Cr. has been incurred on the BSTP project.

Railway Electrification:

Electrification of Railway network on Indian Railways has been taken up in mission mode. So far, about 99.4% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. The electrification in remaining network has been taken up. Electrification carried out during 2014-25 and before 2014 is as under:

Period	Route Kilometer
Before 2014 (about 60 years)	21,801
2014-25	46,900

In Karnataka, 97% of BG network has been electrified and electrification in remaining network has been taken up.
