

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 732  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

**MANGALURU–SHORANUR 3RD & 4TH LINE**

**732. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the current status of the proposed Mangaluru–Shoranur 3rd & 4th Line;**
- (b) whether the Government has completed the survey of the proposed line;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of the expected date/timeline for completion of the survey?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e): Survey for Mangaluru-Shoranur 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line (307 km) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).**

**After preparation of Detailed Project Report (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.**

**Kerala:-**

**Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget**

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allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹ 372 crore/year
2025-26	₹3,042 crore (more than 8 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 06 projects (02 new line and 04 doubling) of 266 km length, costing ₹9,415 crore falling fully/partly in Kerala are sanctioned.

The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length	Length Commissioned	Balance to complete	Expenditure upto March 2025 (₹in Crore)
New line	02	146 km	0 km	146 km	309
Doubling/ multitracking	04	120 km	26 km	94 km	2,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>266 km</b>	<b>26 km</b>	<b>240 km</b>	<b>3,250</b>

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 Kerala are as under :

S.N	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat & Pollachi-Coimbatore gauge conversion (217 km)	1,360
2	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur gauge conversion (357 km)	1,122
3	Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara doubling (24 km)	303
4	Chenganur-Chingavanam doubling (27 km)	436
5	Ambalapuzha-Haripad doubling (18 km)	346
6	Kurruppanthara-Chingavanam doubling (27 km)	749

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

S No.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Tirunnavaya –Guruvayur new line (35 Km)	138
2	Angamali-Sabarimala new line (111 km)	3,801
3	Ernakulam-Kumbalam doubling (8 km)	595
4	Kumbalam-Thuravur Patch doubling (16 km)	803
5	Trivandrum- Kanyakumari doubling (87 km)	3,786
6	Shoranur - Vallathol doubling (10 km)	367

To improve connectivity and enhance the capacity in the State of Kerala, following surveys have been taken up: -

SN	Route	Length (Km)
1	Shoranur-Mangalore 3rd & 4th Line	307
2	Coimbatore-Shoranur 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> line	99
3	Shoranur – Ernakulam 3 <sup>rd</sup> Line	106
4	Ernakulam - Kayankulam 3rd line (via Kottayam)	115
5	Kayankulam-Thiruvananthapuram 3rd Line	105
6	Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil 3rd Line	71

Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala are held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in the State of Kerala is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Kerala	476 ha
Land Acquired	65 ha (14%)
Balance Land to be acquired	411 ha (86%)

Railway had deposited ₹1,975 crore for land acquisition to Government of Kerala. Support of the Government of Kerala is needed to expedite the land acquisition. For instance, details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Total land required (in Ha)</b>	<b>Land acquired (in Ha)</b>	<b>Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)</b>
1.	Angamali - Sabarimala new line (111 km)	416	24	392
2.	Ernakulam - Kumbalam Patch doubling (8 km)	4	3	1
3.	Kumbalam - Turavur Patch doubling (16 km)	10	9	1
4.	Shoranur - Vallathol doubling (10 km)	5	0	5

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

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 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.**

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