

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 735  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

**BHADRACHALAM-KOVVUR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT**

**735. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study/survey regarding the Bhadrachalam-Kovvur Railway line during the last five years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the steps undertaken to expedite completion of the railway line during the last five years;**
- (c) the details of the total funding allocated/released/utilised for completion of the railway line;**
- (d) whether the Government has initiated/taken steps for revised estimates for cost of the total project and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the reasons of delay in completion of the project and the steps undertaken by the Government for expedited completion of the same?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e): Bhadrachalam-Kovvur (119 Km) New Line project was sanctioned on 50:50 cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh at an anticipated cost of ₹3,796 crore. Out of which, Bhadrachalam-Satupalli (56 Km) new line project has already been completed in May 2022.**

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**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:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-2014</b>	<b>₹886 cr./year (including Telangana)</b>
<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>₹9,417 cr. (more than 10 times)</b>

**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:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>363 Km</b>	<b>72.6 Km per year</b>
<b>2014-25</b>	<b>1,582 Km</b>	<b>143.82 Km per year (Nearly 2 times)</b>

**As on 01.04.2025, 39 projects (12 New Lines and 27 Doubling), covering total length of 4,499 km length, costing ₹70,232 crore, falling fully/partly in 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:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned (Km)</b>	<b>Exp upto March 2025 (₹ in cr.)</b>
<b>New Line</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1595</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>6,413</b>
<b>Doubling /Multitracking</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2904</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>21,626</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4,499</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>28,039</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 the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:**

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

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

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Cost (Cr)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Kotipalli-Narsapur new line (57 Km)</b>	<b>2,120</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Nadikude-Srikalahasti new line (309 Km)</b>	<b>3,122</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Rayadurg-Kalyandurg-Tumkur new line (207 Km)</b>	<b>2,496</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Marikuppam-Kuppam new line (24 Km)</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Malugur – Palasamudram new line (18 Km)</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Malkangiri- Bhadrachalam - Pandurangapuram new line (174 Km)</b>	<b>3,592</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Errupalem-Amravati-Namburu new line (57 Km)</b>	<b>2,047</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Vijaywada- Gudur 3rd line (287 Km)</b>	<b>6,509</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Guntakal- Guntur Doubling (401 Km)</b>	<b>4,306</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Pennukonda-Dharmavarm Doubling (42 Km)</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Gooty-Pendekallu Doubling (29 Km)</b>	<b>352</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Duvvada - Simhachalam North 3rd &amp; 4th line (21 Km)</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Kottavalasa - Vizianagram 4th line (35 Km)</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Gudur-Renigunta 3rd Line (83 Km)</b>	<b>877</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Nergundi - Barang &amp; Khurda Road - Vizianagaram 3rd line (385 Km)</b>	<b>4,963</b>

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**In last three Years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 65 surveys (15 New Line, 50 Doubling) covering a total length of 6,985 Km have 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 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.**