

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 355
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026**

**RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR ONGOLE-GUNTUR SECTION IN ANDHRA
PRADESH**

***355. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of new railway line projects sanctioned and under implementation in Andhra Pradesh indicating the year of sanction, project cost, funds sanctioned/released, physical/financial progress and expected date of completion, district-wise particularly for Ongole and Prakasam districts;**
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for new railway lines or railway connectivity projects from the Government of Andhra Pradesh relating to Ongole and adjoining districts and if so, the details thereof, including the status of such proposals;**
- (c) the present status of the upgradation of the Ongole–Guntur section of South Central Railway including the physical and financial progress thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilised for the Ongole–Guntur section upgradation along with the timeline for its completion and the expected improvement in passenger and freight capacity?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.355 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026 IN LOK SABHA

(a) to (d): Ongole (Headquarters of Prakasam district) lies on Howrah – Chennai main line route. To improve connectivity of Ongole, Vijaywada – Gudur 3rd line (287 Km) has been sanctioned. The section from Gudur to Peddavadlapudi (280 Km) has been commissioned. Ongole and Guntur are already connected through Tenali Junction. Guntur – Tenali section has double lines & Tenali – Ongole section has three lines.

To further improve the connectivity in the region, following works / surveys have been taken up:

S.No.	Name of Works / Surveys	Status
1	Ongole-Donakonda New Line (87 Km)	Final Location Survey (FLS) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).
2	Ballarshah-Tenali-Ongole-Gudur 4th Line (782 Km)	DPR has been prepared.
3	Nadikude-Srikalahasti New Line Project (309 Km)	• The work of Nadikude - Srikalahasti (309 km) New Line project has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh at cost of ₹3,407 Crore and land is to be provided by the State Government free of cost. An expenditure of ₹2,384 crore has been incurred on the project. • Total 2258 Ha land is required for the project, out of which, 1330 Ha has been acquired by the State Government.

		• New Piduguralla to Savalyapuram (46 Km) and Gundlakamma to Kanigiri (79 Km) sections have been commissioned.
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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.

ANDHRA PRADESH:

Railway Budget:

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
2026-2027	₹10,134 Cr. (more than 11 times)

Track Construction:

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2009-14 and 2014-26 is as under:

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	363 Km	73 Km per year
2014-26	1,759 Km	147 Km per year (2 times)

Projects Sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2026, 42 projects (12 New Line and 30 Doubling), covering a total length of 4,768 Km length, costing ₹77,855 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, have been sanctioned. The summary is as under:

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (Km)	Length Commissioned till March, 2026 (in Km)	Total Exp. upto March, 2026 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	12	1595	235	7,074
Multi-tracking/Doubling	30	3174	1230	20,077
Total	42	4,768	1,465	27,851

Recently Completed Projects:

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 (₹ in cr.)
1	Nandyal-Yerraguntla New line (126 Km)	1,050
2	Jaggayyapeta-Janpahad New line (48 Km)	737
3	Obulavaripalle-Krishnapattnam New line (113 Km)	2,300
4	Vizianagaram-Kottavalsa 3 rd Line (35 Km)	285
5	Raichur-Guntakal Doubling (81 Km)	388
6	Guntur-Tenali Doubling (24 Km)	205
7	Guntakal-Kalluru Doubling (41 Km)	410
8	Motumari-Byepass with overhead alignment (2 Km)	39
9	Yelahanka-Penukonda Doubling (123 Km)	1,104
10	Vijaywada-Narsapur, Gudivada-Machlipatnam & Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu Doubling with electrification (221 km)	4,688
11	Gooty-Dharmavaram Doubling (90 Km)	1,800
12	Penukonda-Dharmavaram Doubling (42 Km)	308

Ongoing Projects:

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

S.No .	Name of Project	Cost (₹ in Cr.)
1	Kotipalli-Narsapur New Line (57 Km)	2,120
2	Nadikude-Srikalahasti New Line (309 Km)	3,407
3	Rayadurg-Tumkur New Line (207 Km)	4,565
4	Malugur-Palasamudram New Line (18 Km)	342
5	Malkangiri-Bhadrachalam-Pandurangapuram New Line (174 Km)	3,592
6	Errupalem-Amravati-Namburu New Line (57 Km)	2,047
7	Vizianagram-Titlagarh 3rd line (265 Km)	6,996
8	Nergundi-Barang, Khurda Road-Vizianagaram 3rd line (385 Km)	4,963
9	Kottavalasa-Koraput Doubling (189 Km)	3,580
10	Kazipet-Vijaywada 3rd line (220 km)	3,315
11	Vijaywada-Gudur 3rd line (287 Km)	6,509
12	Guntakal-Guntur Doubling (401 Km)	4,692
13	Guntur-Bibinagar Doubling (239 Km)	2,853
14	Mudkhed-Medchal, Mahbubnagar-Dhone Doubling (417 Km)	4,686
15	Motumari-Vishnupuram Doubling (89 Km)	1,596
16	Gudur-Renigunta 3rd Line (83 Km)	877
17	Tirupati-Katpadi Doubling (104 Km)	1,216
18	Rajahmundry-Visakhapatnam 3rd & 4th line (198 Km)	9,889
19	Guntakal-Wadi 3rd & 4th line (230 Km)	4,758

In last three years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and current financial year 2026-27, 39 surveys (11 new line and 28 doubling) covering a total length of 5,648 km falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned.

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**
- **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.
