

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1767
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NANDYAL REGION AND CHENNAI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations seeking improved rail connectivity between Nandyal, Markapuram and adjoining regions of Andhra Pradesh with Chennai and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has examined the feasibility of introducing a direct train service connecting Chennai with Nandyal and nearby areas and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether ongoing capacity augmentation and doubling works in the region have enhanced the scope for introduction of new passenger services on this corridor and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to improve rail connectivity between the Nandyal region and Chennai?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Presently, both Nandyal & Markapur Road stations are connected to Vijayawada by 18 train services, which is further connected to Chennai by 158 train services. The lists of trains serving Nandyal-Markapur Road-Vijayawada sector & Vijayawada-Chennai sectors are as under:-

Trains serving Nandyal-Markapur Road-Vijayawada sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	17211 Yesvantpur - Machilipatnam Express
2	17212 Machilipatnam-Yesvantpur Express

3	17215 Dharmavaram - Machilipatnam Express
4	17216 Machilipatnam-Dharmavaram Express
5	17225 Hubballi - Narasapur Express
6	17226 Narasapur-Hubballi Express
7	17329 Hubballi - Vijayawada Express
8	17330 Vijayawada-HubballiExpress
9	18047 Vasco Da Gama-Shalimar Express
10	18048 Shalimar-Vasco Da Gama Express
11	18063 Yelahanka - Santragachi Express
12	18064 Santragachi-Yelahanka Express
13	18463 KSR Bengaluru-Bhubaneswar Express
14	18464 Bhubaneswar-KSR Bengaluru Express
15	22831 Yesvantpur -Howrah Express
16	22832 Howrah-Yesvantpur Express
17	22883 Yesvantpur-Puri Garib Rath Express
18	22884 Puri-Yesvantpur Garib Rath Express

Trains serving Vijayawada-Chennai sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	20677 MGR Chennai Central-Narasapur Vande Bharat Express
2	20678 Narasapur-MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
3	16107 Tambaram-Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express
4	16108 Santragachi -Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express
5	16601 Erode -Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
6	16602 Jogbani-Erode Amrit Bharat Express
7	20609 New Jalpaiguri-Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
8	20610 Tiruchchirappalli -New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express
9	16094 Lucknow -MGR Chennai Central Express

10	12077 MGR Chennai Central-Vijayawada Jan Shatabdi Express
11	12078 Vijayawada -MGR Chennai Central Jan Shatabdi Express
12	12269 MGR Chennai Central-Hazrat Nizamuddin Durgam Express
13	12270 Hazrat Nizamuddin -MGR Chennai Central Durgam Express
14	12295 SMVT Bengaluru-Danapur Express
15	12296 Danapur-SMVT Bengaluru Express
16	12375 Tambaram-Jasidih Express
17	12376 Jasidih -Tambaram Express
18	12389 Gaya -MGR Chennai Central Express
19	12390 MGR Chennai Central-Gaya Express
20	12433 MGR Chennai Central-Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express
21	12434 Hazrat Nizamuddin -MGR Chennai Central Rajdhani Express
22	12503 SMVT Bengaluru-Agartala Express
23	12504 Agartala-SMVT Bengaluru Express
24	12509 SMVT Bengaluru-Guwahati Express
25	12510 Guwahati-SMVT Bengaluru Express
26	12511 Gorakhpur -Thiruvananthapuram North Express
27	12512 Thiruvananthapuram North-Gorakhpur Express
28	12521 Barauni Junction-Ernakulam Express
29	12522 Ernakulam -Barauni Junction Express
30	12539 Yesvantpur -Lucknow Express
31	12540 Lucknow -Yesvantpur Express
32	12551 SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhyā Express
33	12552 Kamakhyā-SMVT Bengaluru Express
34	12577 Darbhanga -Mysore Express
35	12578 Mysore -Darbhanga Express
36	12611 MGR Chennai Central-Hazrat Nizamuddin Garib Rath Express
37	12612 Hazrat Nizamuddin -MGR Chennai Central Garib Rath Express

38	12615 MGR Chennai Central-New Delhi Express
39	12616 New Delhi-MGR Chennai Central Express
40	12621 MGR Chennai Central-New Delhi Express
41	12622 New Delhi-MGR Chennai Central Express
42	12641 Kanniyakumari-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
43	12642 Hazrat Nizamuddin -Kanniyakumari Express
44	12651 Madurai -Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
45	12652 Hazrat Nizamuddin -Madurai Express
46	12655 Ahmedabad -MGR Chennai Central Express
47	12656 MGR Chennai Central-Ahmedabad Express
48	12663 Howrah -Tiruchchirappalli Express
49	12664 Tiruchchirappalli -Howrah Express
50	12665 Howrah -Kanniyakumari Express
51	12666 Kanniyakumari-Howrah Express
52	12669 MGR Chennai Central-Chhapra Express
53	12670 Chhapra-MGR Chennai Central Express
54	12711 Vijayawada -MGR Chennai Central Express
55	12712 MGR Chennai Central-Vijayawada Express
56	12759 Tambaram-Hyderabad Express
57	12760 Hyderabad-Tambaram Express
58	12839 Howrah -MGR Chennai Central Express
59	12840 MGR Chennai Central -Howrah Express
60	12841 Howrah -MGR Chennai Central Express
61	12842 MGR Chennai Central-Howrah Express
62	12851 Bilaspur -MGR Chennai Central Express
63	12852 MGR Chennai Central-Bilaspur Express
64	12967 MGR Chennai Central-Jaipur Express
65	12968 Jaipur -MGR Chennai Central Express

66	12969 Coimbatore -Jaipur Express
67	12970 Jaipur -Coimbatore Express
68	13351 Dhanbad -Alappuzha Express
69	13352 Alappuzha-Dhanbad Express
70	15227 SMVT Bengaluru-Muzaffarpur Express
71	15228 Muzaffarpur -SMVT Bengaluru Express
72	15607 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Silchar Express
73	15608 Silchar-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
74	15627 Coimbatore -Silchar Express
75	15628 Silchar-Coimbatore Express
76	15629 Tambaram-Silghat Town Express
77	15630 Silghat Town-Tambaram Express
78	15929 Tambaram-New Tinsukia Express
79	15930 New Tinsukia-Tambaram Express
80	16031 MGR Chennai Central-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
81	16032 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-MGR Chennai Central Express
82	16093 MGR Chennai Central-Lucknow Express
83	16223 SMVT Bengaluru-Radhikapur Express
84	16224 Radhikapur-SMVT Bengaluru Express
85	16367 Kanniyakumari-Banaras Express
86	16368 Banaras-Kanniyakumari Express
87	16523 SMVT Bengaluru-Balurghat Express
88	16524 Balurghat-SMVT Bengaluru Express
89	17643 Chengalpattu -Kakinada Port Express
90	17644 Kakinada Port-Chengalpattu Express
91	17655 Kakinada Port-Puducherry Express
92	17656 Puducherry-Kakinada Port Express
93	18041 Shalimar-MGR Chennai Central Express

94	18042 MGR Chennai Central-Shalimar Express
95	18189 Tatanagar -Ernakulam Express
96	18190 Ernakulam -Tatanagar Express
97	20481 Jodhpur -Tiruchchirappalli Express
98	20482 Tiruchchirappalli -Jodhpur Express
99	20493 Madurai -Chandigarh Express
100	20494 Chandigarh-Madurai Express
101	20497 Rameswaram-Firozpur Cant Express
102	20498 Firozpur Cant-Rameswaram Express
103	20625 MGR Chennai Central-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
104	20626 Bhagat Ki Kothi-MGR Chennai Central Express
105	20849 Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram Express
106	20850 Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar Express
107	20851 Bhubaneswar-Puducherry Express
108	20852 Puducherry-Bhubaneswar Express
109	20853 Bhubaneswar-MGR Chennai Central Express
110	20854 MGR Chennai Central-Bhubaneswar Express
111	22305 SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Express
112	22306 Jasidih -SMVT Bengaluru Express
113	22351 Saharsa -SMVT Bengaluru Express
114	22352 SMVT Bengaluru-Saharsa Express
115	22353 Patna -SMVT Bengaluru Express
116	22354 SMVT Bengaluru-Patna Express
117	22403 Puducherry-New Delhi Express
118	22404 New Delhi-Puducherry Express
119	22501 SMVT Bengaluru-New Tinsukia Express
120	22502 New Tinsukia-SMVT Bengaluru Express
121	22535 Rameswaram-Banaras Express

122	22536 Banaras-Rameswaram Express
123	22603 Kharagpur -Villupuram Express
124	22604 Villupuram -Kharagpur Express
125	22605 Purulia -Tirunelveli Express
126	22606 Tirunelveli -Purulia Express
127	22611 MGR Chennai Central-New Jalpaiguri Express
128	22612 New Jalpaiguri-MGR Chennai Central Express
129	22613 Rameswaram-Ayodhya Cantt Express
130	22614 Ayodhya Cantt-Rameswaram Express
131	22631 Madurai -Bikaner Express
132	22632 Bikaner -Madurai Express
133	22641 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Shalimar Express
134	22642 Shalimar-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
135	22643 Ernakulam -Patna Express
136	22644 Patna -Ernakulam Express
137	22645 Indore -Thiruvananthapuram North Express
138	22646 Thiruvananthapuram North-Indore Express
139	22647 Korba-Thiruvananthapuram North Express
140	22648 Thiruvananthapuram North-Korba Express
141	22663 Tambaram-Jodhpur Express
142	22664 Jodhpur -Tambaram Express
143	22669 Ernakulam -Patna Express
144	22670 Patna -Ernakulam Express
145	22673 Jodhpur -Mannargudi Express
146	22674 Mannargudi-Jodhpur Express
147	22801 Visakhapatnam-MGR Chennai Central Express
148	22802 MGR Chennai Central-Visakhapatnam Express
149	22807 Santragachi -MGR Chennai Central Express

150	22808 MGR Chennai Central-Santragachi Express
151	22825 Shalimar-MGR Chennai Central Express
152	22826 MGR Chennai Central-Shalimar Express
153	22841 Santragachi -Tambaram Express
154	22842 Tambaram-Santragachi Express
155	22859 Puri-MGR Chennai Central Express
156	22860 MGR Chennai Central-Puri Express
157	22869 Visakhapatnam-MGR Chennai Central Express
158	22870 MGR Chennai Central-Visakhapatnam Express

Nandyal is also connected to Yerraguntla by 10 trains (listed below), which is further connected to Chennai by 18 train services.

Trains serving Nandyal- Yerraguntla sector:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	17215 Machilipatnam-Dharmavaram Express
2	17216 Dharmavaram-Machilipatnam Express
3	17261 Guntur-Tirupati Express
4	17262 Tirupati-Guntur Express
5	17441 Tirupati-Charlapalli Express
6	17442 Charlapalli-Tirupati Express
7	17443 Tirupati-Charlapalli Express
8	17444 Charlapalli-Tirupati Express
9	77211 Nandyal-Renigunta DMU
10	77212 Renigunta-Nandyal DMU

Trains serving Yerraguntla-Chennai sector:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11017 Lokmanya Tilak(T)-Karaikal Express
2	11018 Karaikal-Lokmanya Tilak(T) Express

3	12163 Lokmanya Tilak(T)-MGR Chennai Central Express
4	12164 MGR Chennai Central- Lokmanya Tilak(T) Express
5	16003 MGR Chennai Central-Nagarsol Express
6	16004 Nagarsol-MGR Chennai Central Express
7	17651 Chengalpattu-Kacheguda Express
8	17652 Kacheguda-Chengalpattu Express
9	17653 Kacheguda-Puducherry Express
10	17654 Puducherry-Kacheguda Express
11	20953 MGR Chennai Central-Ahmedabad Express
12	20954 Ahmedabad-MGR Chennai Central Express
13	22157 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Chennai Egmore Express
14	22158 Chennai Egmore-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
15	22159 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-MGR Chennai Central Express
16	22160 MGR Chennai Central-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
17	22179 Lokmanya Tilak(T)-MGR Chennai Central Express
18	22180 MGR Chennai Central-Lokmanya Tilak(T) Express

Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal inter alia for introduction/restoration of trains are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. The receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

Besides, introduction of new train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include-

- Capacity of that section**
- Availability of path**
- Availability of required rolling stock**
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**

- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**

Nandyal and Markapur Road are directly connected to Chennai through Yerraguntla Junction. To further improve the connectivity of this region, the works of Nadikude - Srikalahasti (309 km) New Line Project and Guntur – Guntakal Doubling (401 Km) have been sanctioned. Detailed status is as under:

Nadikude - Srikalahasti (309 km) New Line project

- **This line passes through Gundlakamma, which is an existing railway station on Guntur – Guntakal Section.**
- **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 and 929 Ha land acquisition is balance. Work has been taken up on the available land.**
- **Details are as under:**

Section	Status
New Piduguralla to Savalyapuram (46 Km)	Commissioned
Gundlakamma to Kanigiri (79 Km)	Commissioned
Kanigiri to Venkatagiri (184 Km)	Land acquisition has been taken up by State Govt.

Guntur – Guntakal (401 Km) Doubling

- **Guntur – Guntakal (401 Km) Doubling Project has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹4,692 Crore.**

- **Details are as under:**

Section	Status
Guntur to Diguvametta (215 Km)	Commissioned
Guntakal to Nandyal (144 Km)	Commissioned
Nandyal to Gazulapally(15 Km)	All Works of Earthwork, Bridges etc completed. Track Linking has been taken up
Gazulapally to Diguvametta (27 Km)	There are two tunnels in this sections. One tunnel has been completed and works taken up in the second tunnel Construction of Earth work, bridges etc have been taken up

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 (Rs. 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 (Rs. 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 3rd 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 (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

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.

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