

Regarding completion of Kotipalli ? Narasapuram railway line in Andhara Pradesh- laid

SHRI RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU (NARSAPURAM): Kotipalli-Narasapuram newly proposed railway line is of 57.2 km, which is popularly known as Konaseema railway line, started in 2001 by the then Lok Sabha Speaker Shri GMC Balayogi. Later, there was no considerable progress. In 2014, the Government expedited the construction of the railway line. This Railway line passes through Kotipalli via Magam, Amalapuram, Peruru, Pasarlapudi, Jagganna Peta, Rajolu, Chinchinada to Narasapuram towns along with 3 municipalities. This project has three bridges having length of 1.47 km, 3.55 km and 1.49 km respectively. Till now, about Rs.1200 crore were spent and 60 % of the works completed. Since 2019, the railway line work has been moving in a snail's pace. It stopped in January 2023, due to non-release of 25 % funds of state government's share. In 2023 Budget, Rs.100 crores has been allocated for this project. Though State Government is committed to complete the -railway line but finding it difficult due to financial crunch. The Central Government has already spent about Rs 1200 crores on this project, which is lying idle. In view of the rising prices, I would suggest that the Ministry complete the remaining work by infusing sufficient funds, which can be adjusted from the GST funds to be released to the State Government so that time and money is saved and the wish of the Konaseema people also fulfilled.