

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

NEW RAIL LINE BETWEEN DAVANGERE AND TUMKURU

**2729 SHRI GOVIND MAKTHAPPA KARJOL:
DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing railway new line projects in Karnataka;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated/sanctioned for development of these new lines;**
- (c) the details of the current progress status of a new rail line connecting between Davangere to Tumkuru via Chitradurga;**
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/sanctioned to above said new rail line and reason for non-implementation of the above said project along with the expected timeline for completion of the same; and**
- (e) whether the Government is aware that completion of the said rail line reduce the travel distance between Bangalore and Davangere by 60 km. and if so , the time by which the said rail line would be operational?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729 BY SHRI GOVIND MAKTHAPPA KARJOL AND DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING NEW RAIL LINE BETWEEN DAVANGERE AND TUMKURU

(a) to (e): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, total 31 Railway Infrastructure Projects (21 New Line and 10 Doubling), of total length of 3,840 Km, costing ₹47,016 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/ approval/ construction stages, out of which 1,302 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹17,382 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include:

- (i) 21 New Line projects of total length of 2,556 Km costing ₹33,125 crore, out of which 395 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,592 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- (ii) 10 Doubling projects of total length of 1,284 Km costing ₹13,891 crore, out of which 907 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,791 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**

New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Tumkur - Chitradurga - Davangere new line (191 Km) project has been taken up on cost sharing basis with State Government of Karnataka, in which State Government of Karnataka is providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of the project. Latest cost of the project is ₹2142.35 crore. An expenditure of ₹359.32 crore has been incurred on the project upto March, 2024. An outlay of ₹150 crore has been provided for Financial Year 2024-25. Work has been taken up in the available land.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, 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 due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects in State of Karnataka as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹835 crore/year	-
2024-25	₹7,559 crore	9 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	565 km	113 km/year	-
2014-24	1,633 km	163 km/year	1.44 times
