

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 296  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME**

**296. DR. K SUDHAKAR:  
SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY:**

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

**(a) whether the Railways has launched a new programme called Amrit Bharat Station in the country including Karnataka, if so, the details thereof along with the basis on which the stations have been selected under the said scheme;**

**(b) the details of railway stations identified in the Country particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme for development;**

**(c) whether the Government has plans to upgrade the infrastructure at Doddaballapur and Channasandra stations under the Amrit Bharat scheme and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether there are any pending proposals before the railway board about developmental works at Chikkaballapur Lok sabha constituency and if so, the details thereof;**

**(e) whether any new lines are being considered for the state of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(f) whether any feasibility studies are being carried out on new railway lines/extension of existing lines at Chikkaballapur parliamentary constituency and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 296 BY DR. K SUDHAKAR AND SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME**

**(a) to (c) Ministry of Railways has launched the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.**

**It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.**

**The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.**

**So far, 1324 stations have been selected under this scheme based on proposals received from Zonal Railways, stations located in major cities and towns. Out of 1324 stations, 73 stations in the State of Andhra Pradesh and 59 stations including Doddaballapur and**

**Channasandra stations in the State of Karnataka have been identified for development under the scheme. Tenders have been awarded at Doddaballapur and construction of platform shelter, foot over bridge and other building works have commenced. At Channasandra work has been taken up for construction of new station building.**

**However, development/redevelopment/upgradation of Railway Stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, air-port clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brown field related challenges such as shifting of utilities, (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables etc.,) infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of high voltage power lines etc. and these factors affect the completion time. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.**

**(d) to (f) Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/ Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/ rail users etc., at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such Proposals requests/suggestions/ representations is a continuous and dynamic process,**

**centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.**

**Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, Railway's own operational and commercial requirement, techno-economic feasibility, terrain, obligatory points, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds which is a continuous and ongoing process.**

**As on 01.04.2024, total 31 projects (21 new lines and 10 Doubling) of 3,840 km length, costing ₹47,016 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in planning/approval/construction stage. These include:-**

- 21 New Line Projects of total length 2,556 km at a cost of ₹33,125 crore, out of which 395 Km length has been commissioned.**
- 10 Doubling Projects of total length 1,284 km at a cost of ₹13,891 crore, out of which 907 Km length has been commissioned.**

**In last three years (i.e. 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), total 53 Nos. of Surveys (18 New Line**

**and 35 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka including Chikaballapur Parliamentary Constituency having a total length of 5,713 Km have been sanctioned and survey work has been taken up. The surveys include inter-alia survey of Chikaballapur – Gauribidanur New Line (44 Km).**

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