

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 299
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**NEW TRAINS TO MAYILADUTHURAI AND THANJAVUR
DISTRICTS OF TAMIL NADU**

299. KM. SUDHA R:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing and upcoming Railway projects in Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur districts of Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) whether the Government is considering the introduction of any new trains to/from/via Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur districts of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the percentage of electrified rail line in Tamil Nadu, especially in Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur districts of State?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 299 BY KM. SUDHA R TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING NEW TRAINS TO MAYILADUTHURAI AND THANJAVUR DISTRICTS OF TAMIL NADU

(a) Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/District -wise as the Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries. However, as on 01.04.2024, 22 Railways infrastructures projects (10 new line, 03 Gauge conversion and 09 doubling) of total length 2,587 Km, costing ₹33,467 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu including Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur districts are in different stages of planning/sanctioning/ execution, out of which 665 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,153 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. These include:-

- 10 New Line Projects of total length 872 Km, costing ₹14,669 crore, out of which 24 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,223 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- 03 Gauge Conversion Projects of total length 748 Km, costing ₹5,417 crore, out of which 604 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,267 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024.**
- 09 Doubling Projects of total length 967 Km, costing ₹13,381 crore, out of which 37 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 21 Nos. of Surveys (04 New Line and 17 Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu including Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur District having a total length of 1,813 Km have been sanctioned and survey work has been taken up.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹879 crore/year	-
2013-14	₹922 crore	-
2023-24	₹6,080 crore	nearly 7 times

In 2014-24, 1302 Km section (39 km New Line, 456 Km of Gauge Conversion and 807 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State the Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate of 130.2 Km per year.

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government. State Government assesses the compensation amount and advises to Railway. On receipt of demand from State Government, Railway deposits

compensation amount with concerned District Land acquisition Authority. Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is held up due to delay in land acquisition and only about 807 Ha land has been acquired out of total requirement of about 2749 Ha. Railway had initiated efforts for acquisition of land but could not succeed in acquiring land for projects. Support of the Government of Tamil Nadu is needed to expedite the land acquisition.

(b): Mayiladuturai station is presently being served by 66 train services. Similarly, Thanjavur station is presently being served by 65 train services. Further, to cater the needs of passengers, 10 special trains are also serving Mayiladuturai station while 4 special trains are serving Thanjavur station. Moreover, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern, availability of resources, etc.

(c): Majority of Broad Gauge lines in the State of Tamil Nadu have been electrified. 100% of existing Broad Gauge line have been electrified in Mayiladuturai district. Electrification work has been taken up on balance Broad Gauge line of Thiruvarur-Pattukottai-Karaikkudi in Thanjavur District.
