# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.360 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

## PENDING RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

#### **360. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government has data regarding pending railway line projects for Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if, so details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has completed the feasibility studies for laying of a new railway line to Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the railway board has taken any initiative for improvement of railway connectivity to Srisailam;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether doubling and electrification works at Nandyal is completed; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.360 BY DR. BYREDDY SHABARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a) to (h) Railway projects are sanctioned and executed Zonal Railway wise not State wise as Railways' project/s may span across state boundaries.

As on 01.04.2024, total 41 Railway infrastructure projects(17 New Lines and 24 Doubling), covering total length of 5,329 km, costing ₹73,743 crore, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, are in the stage of planning/approval/execution, out of which 1006 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹24,150 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

New Lines and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Southern Railway, South Central Railway, South Western Railway and East Coast Railway zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure, outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Year	Budget outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation during 2009-14
2009-2014	₹886 cr/year	-
2023-2024	₹8406 cr	More than 9 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the state of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Period	Total Length Commissioned	Average Length Commissioned	change w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	363 km	72.6 km/Year	-
2014-24	1,510 km	151 km/Year	More than 2 times

Survey for new rail line between Hyderabad(Timmapur)-Srisailam (103.60 km) was carried out. However, due to low traffic potential project could not be taken forward.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socioeconomic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Nandyal is a part of ongoing Guntur –Guntakal (401 km) doubling project, costing ₹3887.48 crore. An outlay of Rs.480 crore has been proposed during the financial year 2024-2025. Out of 401 km project length, 313 km section has been commissioned.

Completion/Execution of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest 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/s site,

number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the execution and completion time of the project/s.

Broad Gauge Lines have been 100% electrified in State of Andhra Pradesh, including electrification work at Nandyal.

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