

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 401
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

NEW RAILWAY LINES FOR KARNATAKA

401. DR. K SUDHAKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data on new railway lines such as Chikkaballapur-Gauribidanur BG line, Chikkaballapur-Sri Satya Sai Prashanti Nilayam (Puttaparthi) BG line, Srinivasapura-Madanapalli BG line, Marikuppam-Kuppam BG line projects and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any feasibility study is being carried out on these projects, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has data regarding new railway lines for Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details regarding new railway projects being planned and executed for Karnataka; and**
- (e) whether the Government has plans to increase the number of suburban trains to various places in the outskirts of Bangalore; and if so, the details thereof?**

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. 401 BY DR. K SUDHAKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES FOR KARNATAKA

(a) to (e): The details of the projects are given below:-

- **Chikkaballapur – Gauribidanur new Rail Line (44 Km): Final Location survey has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).**
- **Chikballapur– Sri Satya Sai Prashanti Nilayam (Puttaparthi) new Rail Line (103 Km): The survey of the Project has been completed. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection.**
- **Srinivasapura – Madanapalli new Rail Line (75 Km): The survey of the Project has been completed. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection.**
- **Marikuppam –Kuppam new Rail Line (24 Km): Project was sanctioned for ₹279.54 crore in September, 2013. The project falls in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The project involves acquisition of 320 acres land (Karnataka-70 Acres & Andhra Pradesh-250 Acres). Out of which 70 acre of land is yet to be handover in Andhra Pradesh. Work has been taken up in the available land .**

The Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/District-wise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway

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Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Further, 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. Further, introduction of train services

including suburban services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justifications, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

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	565km	113 km/year	-
2014-24	1,633 km	163 km/year	1.44 times

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.
