

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3522

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of ongoing/pending projects, doubling and gauge conversion of rail lines, survey for laying the new rail lines and ROB/RUB in Kerala alongwith the target fixed for their completion;

(b) the amount allocated and spent thereon till date, project-wise; and

(c) the details of broad gauge and metre gauge railway lines in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3522 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH, SHRI ANTO ANTONY AND SHRI M.I.SHANAVAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2009 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA.

(a) & (b): Details of the ongoing new line, gauge conversion & doubling projects, surveys for laying of new lines and Road Over/Under Bridges falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala, outlay provided during 2009-10, expenditure incurred thereon and target date for completion, wherever fixed, are given as under:-

I. ONGOING PROJECTS

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	Name of Project	Expenditure incurred upto March,2009	Outlay fixed	Status & Target date for completion wherever fixed
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NEW LINE

1.	Tirunavaya	8.74	26.74	Local people are objecting to the alignment being fixed for this new line.Final location survey held up due to public protest.
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2.	Angamali	45.12	15.00	State Government is yet to hand over required land to Railways.Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has directed Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Environment & Forest to examine the representations received from local people.
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GAUGE CONVERSION

1. Dindigul 54.20 31 Work on Podanur-Coimbatore
-Pollachi (6 Km) section has been
-Palghat completed and work on
& Podanur Pollachi-Palghat (58 Km)
-Coimbatore & Dindigul-Pollachi (141 Km)
(224.88 Km) sections have been taken up.
2. Quilon- 473.55 70 Virudhunagar-Tenkasi-Sengottai
Tirunelveli (131 Km) and Tirunelveli
-Tiruchendur -Tiruchendur (61 Km)
& Tenkasi sections completed.
-Virudhunagar Work on Quilon-Punalur
(357 Km) (45 Km) section is targeted
for completion during 2009-10.

DOUBLING

1. Mulanturutti 21.03 15.00 State Government is yet to
-Kuruppantara hand over required land
(24 km) to Railways. Bridge works
taken up.
2. Kuruppantara 2.82 15.00 Final location survey
-Chingavanam completed. Requisition for 30
(26.54 km) hectare of land has been
submitted to State Government.
No land is handed over.
3. Chengannur 9.03 26.00 Requisition for 18.88 hectare
-Chingavanam of land has been submitted
(26.5 km) to State Government. No land
is handed over.
4. Mavelikara 40.66 10.00 Work is slow due to
-Chengannur frequent stoppages of
(12.3 km) earthmoving vehicles by local
people and State Authorities.
Work is targeted for
completion during 2009-10.
5. Cheppad 27.22 11.00 Contracts for all works have
-Kayankulam been finalised. Work is
(7.76 km) affected due to frequent
interruption by local people.
Work is targeted for
completion during 2009-10.

6. Cheppad 12.98 8.00 Work is slow due to frequent
-Haripad stoppage of earth moving
(5.28 km) vehicles by locals and
failure of contracts. New
contracts have been processed.
Work is targeted for
completion during 2009-10.

7. Ambalapuzha 1.98 10.00 Requisition for 16 hectare of
-Haripad land has been submitted
(18.13 Km) to State Government.No land
is handed over.

II. ONGOING SURVEYS FOR NEW RAIL LINES

S.No. Survey Length Status and expected
in Km. target date for completion

1. Madurai 211 Survey taken up.March,2010.
(Bodinayakkanur)
-Kottayam

2. Madurai-Ernakulam 200 New survey included in the
(Cochin) budget 2009-10.

3. Erumeli-Pathanamthita 136 New survey included in the
-Punalur- budget 2009-10.
Thiruvananthapuram

4. Idappalli-Guruvayur 77 Updating survey taken up.

III. ROAD OVER BRIDGE/ROAD UNDER BRIDGE (ROB/RUB):

59 Road Over bridges and Road Under Bridges in Kerala have taken up and the same are in various stages of progress. Total cost of these works is Rs. 597.62 crore and an expenditure of Rs. 27.52 crore has been incurred on these works upto October, 2009. An outlay of Rs. 33.49 crore has been provided during 2009-10.

(c): As on 31.3.2009, there is 52,808 km Broad Gauge and 8,473 km Metre Gauge railway lines (Route Kilometers) respectively in the country.