

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

***173.SHRI M. SELVARAJ:
SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details along with the total number of railway projects viz., electrification of railway lines, conversion of meter-gauge into broad-gauge, construction of ROB(Railway Over Bridges) etc. that are pending and incomplete across the country, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed in all respects; and**
- (c) the total funds allocated and spent for these projects during the said period, project and State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.173 BY SHRI M. SELVARAJ AND SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) (i) Railway Electrification Projects:

At present, 70 Railway Electrification projects of 26,375 Route Kilometers costing ₹34,167 Crore, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, are in different stages of execution. Additionally electrification works of 2,435 Route Kilometers, sanctioned along with Gauge conversion, Doubling and New line works are also under execution. As on 01.04.2019, 35,448 Route Kilometers of rail lines covering 55.19% of Broad Gauge Railway network in the country have been commissioned on electric traction.

During last three years i.e. 2016-17 to 2018-19 and the current year upto 01.06.2019, 11,641 Route Kilometers of Railway network has been commissioned on Electric traction, which includes 409 Route Kilometers falling in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(ii) Gauge Conversion, New Line and Doubling Projects:

At present, 491 Railway projects including 189 New Lines, 55 Gauge Conversion and 247 doubling Projects are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. The total length of these projects is 48860.64 km costing ₹ 6.476 lakh crore on which commissioning of 9,113 km length and expenditure of ₹ 1.43 lakh crore has been done upto March, 2019. Out of these, 22 projects (9 projects of New line, 5 projects of Gauge Conversion and 8 Projects of doubling) of 2509 km length costing ₹ 21,829 crore falling partly or fully in the State of Tamil Nadu are in different stages of planning/ approval/execution.

As far as gauge conversion projects are concerned in the country, total 55 gauge conversion projects, including in the State of Tamil Nadu of 7,229 km length & costing ₹54,292.53 Crore are in different stages of planning/approval/execution out of which, commissioning of 3798 km with expenditure of ₹ 19,638 Crore has been achieved up to March, 2019. Only in Tamil Nadu State, 606 km length of Gauge Conversion has been commissioned upto March, 2019 with expenditure of ₹2,344 crore.

(iii) Railway Over Bridge Projects:

As per Pink Book, work for construction of 1581 Road Over Bridges (ROB) have been sanctioned across the country. Out of these, 249 ROB's have been completed and commissioned. Remaining works are at various stages of planning, estimation and execution.

As per Pink Book, work for construction of 150 road Over Bridges (ROBs) has been sanctioned in the State of Tamil Nadu. Out of these, 40 ROB's have been completed and commissioned. Remaining works are at various stages of planning, estimation and execution.

During last three years and the current year (upto May), 199 ROB's across the country and 25 ROB's in the State of Tamil Nadu have been completed and commissioned on cost sharing basis.

(b) Timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground & over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological & topographical conditions of area, law & order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations, cooperation and zeal of State Government for early completion of project, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, labour strikes, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors affect the completion cost of the project, which is finally worked out at the completion stage.

In the overall interest of the nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various level (field level, divisional level, zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are done with the officials of State Government and concerned authorities to resolve the pending issues obstructing the progress of projects. To ensure that projects are completed even before time, Railway has adopted the concept of incentives to the contractor in the form of bonus clause in contracts which will further enhance the pace of execution of projects.

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc. institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects

(c) Railway Electrification works are not confined to State/Union Territories boundaries. However, Year-wise allocation and expenditure on Railway Electrification projects during last three years and current year is as under:-

Year	Allocation ₹ in crores	Expenditure ₹ in crores
2016-17	3,396.00	2,955.89
2017-18	3,456.96	3,837.08
2018-19	6,302.00	7,028.50
2019-20	6,960.26	1,113.88 (upto May'19)

Year-wise allocation and expenditure on construction of ROBs/RUBs during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Year	Allocation ₹ in Crores	Expenditure ₹ in crores
2016-17	3066.17	3170.55
2017-18	4000.00	3174.30
2018-19	4203.18	3543.45
2019-20	4100.00	639.96 (upto May'19)

The details of funds spent on Gauge Conversation projects, allotment of funds and expenditure are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in under the link http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/view_section_new.jsp?lang=0&id=0,1,304,366,539,2148 and are also available in Pink Books presented before the Parliament along with Budget every year.
