

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.191
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

**DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR SOUTH COAST
RAILWAY (SCoR) ZONE**

191. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) when DPR for SCoR Zone was submitted to Ministry and since when it is under consideration;
- (b) the details of money allotted for SCoR;
- (c) whether there is no time-frame for establishment of SCoR, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether in the absence of separate Zone, only 80 kms of track doubling work is completed in Andhra Pradesh (AP) out of 214 kms started;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to complete 214 kms of track doubling in time bound manner; and
- (f) details of track doubling work announced for AP in 2021-22 Budget?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.191 BY SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR SOUTH COAST RAILWAY (SCOR) ZONE

(a) & (b): Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of new South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone was submitted to this Ministry in August, 2019. An Umbrella work titled “Creation of new South Coast Railway Zone and new Rayagada Division in East Coast Railway” has been included in Budget 2020-21 at an estimated cost of ₹170 Cr.

(c): As the DPR is still under examination, no time-frame can be fixed for operationalisation of the new Zone.

(d) : No, Sir. During 2014-19, 377 Km length (258 Km new line and 119 Km doubling) has been commissioned which is 4% more commissioning then during 2009-14 (total 363 Km). Further during 2019-20, total 207 Km length (60 Km new line and 147 Km doubling) has been commissioned which is 185% more commissioning then average of 2009-14.

Completion of a Railway project(s) depends on various factors like expeditious 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 site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors differ from project to project and affect the completion time of the project(s).

Execution of 4 New Line Projects of total length 841 Km costing ₹10,200 Cr. are held up due to non acquisition of land and non deposition of State Share of ₹ 1636 Cr. Also two doubling projects namely Vijaywada-Gudivada-Bhimavaram-Narasapur, Gudivada-Machlipatnam and Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu (length 221 Km costing ₹3753 Cr.) and Yelahanka-Penukonda (length 48.53 Km costing ₹357 Cr.) are suffering due to non-deposition of ₹976 Cr. cost share by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. Total amount of ₹2612 Cr. is outstanding from State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh towards their share in these projects. The non-payment of State share is causing delay in execution of cost sharing projects in Andhra Pradesh.

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During 2009-14, 363 Km project length (81 Km New line, 144 Km Gauge Conversion and 138 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh was commissioned at an average rate 72.6 Km per year. During 2014-19, 377 Km project length (258 Km New Line and 119 Km Doubling projects) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned at an average rate 75.3 Km per year. Further, in 2019-20, 207 Km project length (61 Km New Line and 147 Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned, which is 185% more than average commissioning during 2009-14.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹2830 Cr. per year from ₹886 Cr. per year (during 2009-14). Thus, an increase of 219% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹886 Cr. per year). Budget allotment for these projects for financial year 2019-20 was ₹3885 Cr., which is 338% more with respect to 2009-14. Budget allocation of ₹4910 Cr. has been provided for Financial Year 2020-21, which is 454% more with respect to average Budget outlay for 2009-14. Budget allocation (Proposed) has further increased to ₹5812 Cr. in financial year 2021-22 (556% more with respect to average of 2009-14).

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritization of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of projects at various levels and regular follow up with State Government and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): No doubling project falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh has been announced in 2021-22 Budget.
