

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 436
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINES

436. SHRI M. V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal regarding expansion of new railway lines and new trains in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total fund allocated in Kerala for the new railway projects during the last five years and the current year, project-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 436 BY SHRI M.V.SHREYAMS KUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.02.2022 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINES

(a) to (c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' projects may span across various State boundaries. However, 2 New Line projects covering a length of 146 Km at a cost of ₹3,293 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala have been sanctioned.

Infrastructure projects in Kerala are covered under Southern Railway (SR) zone of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all ongoing Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year) > Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

Indian Railways do not run train services on state-wise basis as railway network straddles across state boundaries. However, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand and availability of resources etc.

Since 2014, there is substantial increase in budget outlay for infrastructure projects and safety works and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/partly in State of Kerala, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹950 crore per year from ₹372 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 155% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14. For financial year 2021-22 outlay of ₹1,866 crore (original budget outlay of ₹871 crore and additional outlay of ₹ 995 crore) has been provided for these works, which is 402% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.

During 2014-21, 107 km sections (29 Km of Gauge conversion and 78 Km of Doubling projects) falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala have been commissioned at an average rate 15.29 Km per year, which is 44% more than average commissioning during 2009-14 (10.60 Km/year).
