

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 794
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

CREATION OF FOURTH RAILWAY TERMINAL IN CHENNAI

794 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan for the creation of Fourth Railway Terminal in Chennai between Anna Nagar, Padi and Kolathur, if so the details thereof;
- (b) total allocated funds for the development of 4.3 km Chennai Egmore - Beach fourth line, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) total funds earmarked for this project and the amount disbursed and spent so far; and
- (d) the current status of progress of work in the Chennai Egmore - Beach fourth line and the approximate time of completion of the project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 794 BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING CREATION OF FOURTH RAILWAY TERMINAL IN CHENNAI

(a): Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, Railway's own operational requirement, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds which is a continuous and ongoing process. For 4th Coaching Terminal in Chennai area, feasibility has been taken up in Tondairpet Marshalling yard, Korrukpet Goods yard, Salt Couters and Perambur-Villivakam area.

(b) to (d): Chennai Beach-Chennai Egmore 4th line (4.3 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹280 crore. Total fund allocated to this project is ₹180.90 crore. Total outlay of ₹126.70 crore has been provided to the project for Financial Year 2023-24. Total expenditure of ₹101.25 crore has been incurred upto November, 2023. Out of total extent of 0.51 Ha land, 0.33 Ha land has been acquired. Work has been taken up.

Project falls in Southern Railway Zone of Indian Railway. Cost, expenditure and outlay of project is 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.

The 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, 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.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are covered under Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railways.

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Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in Budget allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Budget allocation for infrastructure and safety projects falling fully/ partly in the State of Tamil Nadu has been enhanced to highest at ₹6,080 crore this year which is nearly seven times of the budget allocation of ₹922 crore in 2013-14.

Average annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure and safety works, falling fully/ partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:-

Period	Average Outlay	Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14
2009-14	₹879 crore/year	-
2014-23	₹2,524 crore/year	187% more
2023-24	₹6,080 crore	592% more

During 2014-23, 1227 km sections (18 km New Line, 456 Km of Gauge Conversion and 753 km of Doubling) falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been commissioned at an average rate 136.33 km per year.
