

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2040
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

CONSTRUCTION WORK OF KOTIPALLI NARSAPUR PROJECT

2040. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction work of Kotipalli-Narsapur SCR project in the State of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2040 BY SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORK OF KOTIPALLI NARSAPUR PROJECT

(a) to (c) Kotipalli-Narsapur (57.21 km) new line Project was included in budget 2000-01. Project is on cost sharing basis with Government of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh has to share 25% cost of the project. Sanctioned cost of the project is ₹ 2120 crore, An expenditure of ₹ 660 crore has been incurred and an outlay of ₹ 551 crore has been provided for the project for Financial Year 2020-21.

Project involves acquisition of 369 hectare land, out of which 163 hectare land has been acquired, Government of Andhra Pradesh has to expedite handing over of balance 206 ha land for the project and to deposit ₹ 309 Cr. towards their outstanding share for the project.

Work on three important bridges has been taken up. Work would be further expedited after handing over of requisite land for the project and after deposition of cost share by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Completion of a Railway project depends on various factors like expeditious land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of state share by concerned state government, 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 affect the completion time of the project.

Execution of 4 New Line projects of total length 841 km costing ₹ 10,200 crore are held up due to non acquisition of land and non deposition of State Share, an amount of ₹ 1636.34 cr is outstanding from State Govt. of A.P.

Railway is regularly following up with Government of Andhra Pradesh to expedite handing over of requisite land for the project and to deposit their due share of ₹ 309 crore for the project.

During 2009-14, 363 Km project length (81Km New line, 144 Km Gauge Conversion and 138Km Doubling) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh was commissioned at an average rate 72.6 km per

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year. During 2014-19, 377 Km project length (258Km New Line and 119Km Doubling projects) falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh have been commissioned an average rate 75.3Km per year which is 4% more than commissioning during 2009-14(72.6 km/year). 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 crore per year from ₹ 886 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus, an increase of 219% over the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹ 886 crore per year). Budget allotment for these projects for financial year 2019-20 was ₹ 3885 crore, which is 338% more w.r.t.2009-14. Budget allocation of ₹ 4910 crore 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 crore in financial year 2021-22 (556% more w.r.t. average of 2009-14).
