

SOUTHERN RAILWAY PROJECT



Scope of the Project: Based on the request of the Government of Sri Lanka, Government of India approved a Project to restore Railway Lines and supply rolling stock on different routes of Southern Province under concessional line of credit.

S.No	Project	Distance (km)	Cost (million US \$)	Project components	MoU signed between SLR & IRCON	Expected date of completion
1.	Galle – Matara Railway line	42	36.24	Laying of tracks	21-07-2008	Completed in February 2011
2.	Galle - Kalutara Railway line	76	41.76	Laying of tracks	21-07-2008	Completed in April 2012
3.	Supply of Rolling Stock, machinery, equipment, training of personnel etc.	--	87.14	Rolling stock & set up of facility for mtnce	21-07-2008	August 12

Project Cost: India has sanctioned 800 million USD for Railway Projects in Sri Lanka under LOC

Duration: 2008-12 – Project to be completed by August 2015

Implementing Partners:

1. Ministry of Transport, GoSL
2. Sri Lankan Railways
3. Ministry of Finance and Planning
4. IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd.) working under Ministry of Railways, GOI
5. RITES (Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd.) working under Ministry of Railways, GOI

Modality of Implementation:

Memorandum of Understanding was signed for each Projects between the Sri Lankan Railways and IRCON / RITES and they undertake the work directly.

Beneficiaries: General Public

Impact: The Project will restore connectivity by providing railway link which will positively impact the common people. Travel time would be reduced and economic activity in the region would increase. The Project has generated about 5 lakh mandays of employment in the region. The Galle-Hikkaduwa Railway track was inaugurated by EAM Krishna on 19 Jan 2012.

