

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 923**  
**ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026**

**RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BELAGAVI AND DHARWAD**

923 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current physical and financial progress of the new railway line project between Belagavi and Dharwad via Kittur as of January 2026;
- (b) the status of the land acquisition process in the Belagavi and Dharwad districts;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the project;
- (d) the measures taken to expedite the construction of bridges and tunnels on the route; and
- (e) the expected timeline for the completion of the project to reduce travel time?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (e): Dharwad – Belgaum (Belagavi) via Kittur new line project (73 km) has been sanctioned on 50:50 cost sharing basis and land to be provided free of cost by Government of Karnataka (GoK). The project is held up on account of delay in land acquisition by State Government of Karnataka.

**Karnataka**

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	₹835 crore/year
<b>2025-26</b>	₹7,564 crore (more than 9 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 25 projects (15 new lines, 10 doubling) of 3,264 km length, costing ₹ 42,517 crore falling fully/partly in Karnataka are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

<b>Category</b>	<b>No of sanctioned Projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (km)</b>	<b>Exp upto Mar'25 (₹ in cr.)</b>
<b>New Line</b>	15	2,034	421	8,794
<b>Doubling/ Multitracking</b>	10	1,230	973	12,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>21,310</b>

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka are as under :

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹in Crores)</b>
1	Kottur-Harihar new line (65 km)	468
2	Hassan-Bangalore new line (167 km)	1,290
3	Bidar-Gulbarga new line (110 km)	1,543
4	Shivani-Hosadurga Road doubling (10 km)	50
5	Shivani-Birur Doubling (29 km)	143
6	Hosadurga-Chikjajur doubling (29 km)	260
7	Ramanagram-Mysore patch doubling (94 km)	998
8	Yelahanka – Chennasadra doubling (13 km)	108
9	Yeshwantpur-Yelahanka doubling (12 km)	95
10	Netrawati-Mangalore Central doubling (2 km)	28
11	Kankanadi-Panambur doubling (19 km)	350
12	Arsikere-Tumkur doubling (96 km)	758
13	Yelahanka-Penukonda doubling (123 km)	1,104
14	Daund-Gulbarga doubling (225 km)	3,182
15	Hubli-Chikjajur doubling (190 km)	1,850

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka which have been taken up are as under:

<b>S No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (₹ in Crores)</b>
1	Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Vasco-de-Gama doubling (312 km)	4,153
2	Hotgi-Gadag doubling (284 km)	2,459
3	Ginigera - Raichur new line (165 km)	3,401
4	Gadag - Wadi new line (257 km)	2,842

5	Bagalkot – Kudachi new line (142 km)	1,649
6	Tumkur – Rayadurga new line (207 km)	2,496
7	Tumkur – Davangere new line (182 km)	2,142
8	Kadur – Chikmagalur – Belur new line (68 km)	825
9	Baiyyapanahalli – Hosur doubling (48 km)	336
10	Yeshwanthpur – Channasandra doubling (22 km)	314

In last three years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, 65 surveys (25 new line and 40 doubling) covering a total length of 7,240 km has been sanctioned falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka.

Details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

S No.	Project	Total Land required (in ha)	Land acquired (in ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in ha)
1	Shimoga – Rannebennur new line (96 km)	559	226	333
2	Belgaum – Dharwad new line (73 km)	581	0	581
3	Shimoga – Harihar new line (79 km)	488	0	488
4	Whitefield-Kolar new line (53 km)	337	0	337
5	Hassan-Belur new line (32 km)	206	0	206

Summary of the status of land acquisition in Karnataka is as under:-

Total Land required for Projects in Karnataka	9,064 ha
Land Acquired	5,707 ha (63%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3,357 ha (37%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Karnataka.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route

- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives
- Railway's own operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition by State Government
- Forest clearance
- 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 etc.

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

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