

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2781
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

POOR RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY

**2781. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Karnataka has poor railway connectivity with 16 Km. per 1000 sq km. against the National average of 27 Km. and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether Karnataka has the least number of electrified and/or doubled B.G. lines compared to other States in India and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the present targeted date of completion of Chikmagalur-Sakleshpura, Hassan-Bangalore, Munirabad-Raichur, Bagalkot-Kudachi, Tumkur-Davangere and Rayadurga-Tumkur railway lines?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2781 BY SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA AND KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2017 REGARDING POOR RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY

(a): As per records available, as on 31.03.2016 extent of railway network available in Karnataka is 17.11km per 1000sq km compared to the national average of 20.27 km.

(b): As on 01.04.2017, the State of Karnataka has 632 route Km of electrified Broad Gauge (BG) railway line which is higher than that of many other States.

State-wise data on doubled BG lines is not maintained. However total Running Track Km (which include single, double and more than doubled lines) of Karnataka is 4076.16 km as on 31.03.2016 which is more than Kerala (1680.05), Haryana (2375.63), Assam (2554.58), Odisha(3876.77), Punjab (2729.21) and Telengana (2440.87). Further, 13 doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are in progress. Total length of these projects is 1882.5 Km.

(c): Completion of projects depends on a number of factors such as acquisition of land, forestry and wildlife clearances, shifting of various services, construction of Road Over Bridges/Road under Bridges by road maintenance departments, apart from availability of adequate funds. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of the Ministry of Railways, it is not feasible to indicate time-frames for completion of all the projects. However, project-wise status of sections is as under:-

S.No.	Name of Project	Status
1.	Chikmagalur-Sakhleshpur New Line part of Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur new line project(93 Km)	Kadur-Chikmagalur (46 Km) commissioned. On Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur portion, land acquisition, earthwork and minor bridges have been taken up.
2	Hassan-Bangalore New Line (166 Km)	Commissioned.

3	Munirabad-Raichur New Line 165 Km) part of Munirabad-Mahbubnagar New Line Project (246 Km)	Ginigera-Budhgumpa-Chikkabenakal (27 Km) has been commissioned. Chikkabenakal-Gangavathi (13 Km) is at advanced stage of completion.
4	Bagalkot-Kudachi New Line(142 km)	Bagalkot-Kerkalmatti-Khajdhoni (30 Km) is at advanced stage of completion.
5	Tumkur-Davangere New Line (200 Km)	Land acquisition papers for 2136 acre have been submitted to the State Government. 8 acre land is handed over by the State Government.
6	Rayadurga-Tumkur New Line (213 Km)	Land acquisition papers for 1213 acres concerning alignment in Karnataka area from Tumkur end has been submitted to the State Government. 222 acre land has been handed over.
