

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 20
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

HEJJALA-CHAMARAJANAGAR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

20. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has observed delay in commissioning of Hejjala-Chamarajanagar railway line project, if so, the details regarding the status of the project and efforts taken to implement the same;**
- (b) whether Time Table Committee of Railways has recommended any new trains from Srirangapatnam, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether any railway projects belonging to Mandya Lok Sabha constituency are pending for approval of Railway Board, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 20 BY SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING HEJJALA-CHAMARAJANAGAR RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a): Railway had taken up Bangalore - Satyamangalam (260 Km) New line project. However, Tamil Nadu Government as well as Central Empowered Committee (CEC) did not give permission to carry out survey in the Satyamangalam Forest Area during the year 2013-14. Therefore, it has been decided to take up the project between Hejjala and Chamrajnagar via Kankapura, Malavalli, Kollegal and Yelandur for a length of 142 Km. Government of Karnataka is providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of the project. Land acquisition proposal for 1723.15 acre private land for 135 Km length have been submitted to the District Authorities.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like deposition of cost share by cost sharing authority in cost sharing project(s), 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(s) 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(s). With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

(b): No such proposal has been made by South Western Railway in the last Time Table co-ordination meeting.

(c): Railway projects are sanctioned and taken up Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise/constituency-wise, as the Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. However, Hejjala-Chamarajnagar (142 Km) new line project which is passing from Mandaya Constituency has been taken up.
