

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

TECHNO-ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF K-RAIL

780. SHRI HIBI EDEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is actively considering the feasibility of the K-Rail project in Kerala, as indicated by the repeated directives to the Southern Railway to engage with the KRDCL, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the techno-economic feasibility and availability of resources for the K-Rail Project, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railway Board has directed the Southern Railway to conduct discussions with the KRDCL in order to advance the implementation of the K-Rail project;**
- (d) if so, whether the communications from the Railway Board to the Southern Railway signify that the Government has not completely ruled out the proposal for the K-Rail Project in Kerala; and**
- (e) if so, the facts in this regard ?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Silver Line Semi High Speed Rail from Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod in Kerala has been identified by Kerala Rail Development

Corporation Limited (KRDCL), a Joint Venture company of State Government of Kerala (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%) for development. After survey, KRDCL has submitted Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Semi High Speed Rail Project to the Ministry of Railways for approval. Sufficient details for technical feasibility are not available in the DPR. Therefore, KRDCL has been advised to provide detailed technical documents such as alignment plan, details of land, crossings over existing railway network, etc. to further, examine the feasibility of project. Southern Railway has been advised to discuss various issues related to the project with KRDCL and submit their comments to Ministry of Railways for further examination. The project is not yet sanctioned.
