

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 60
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

SURVEY OF THALASSERY-MYSURU RAILWAY LINE

***60. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey on the Thalassery-Mysuru railway line has been stopped and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that Railways has almost shelved the Nilambur-Nanjangud railway line project and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the revised Thalassery-Mysuru project had been the only hope for the people of Malabar for connecting Mysuru and Bengaluru directly through a railway line; and**
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to restore the work of Thalassery-Mysuru railway line survey at the earliest?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 BY SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING SURVEY OF THALASSERY-MYSURU RAILWAY LINE

(a), (c) & (d): The work of Thalassery-Mysuru railway line is a part of the basket of projects identified by Kerala State Government and entrusted to Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL). The Survey work for the above project was entrusted to M/s Konkan Railway Corporation Limited for preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR). KRDCL have submitted the Pre-Feasibility Report on the above Project by proposing the alignment via Kutta (Madikeri District in Karnataka) to Railway Board. Railway Board has advised for obtaining Forest Clearance and alignment with approval of all the Stake Holders. Government of Kerala has requested for a high level meeting between Kerala & Karnataka States at Chief Secretary level along with officials concerned from Forest Department and Transport Department for approving the alignment as alignment is passing through the States of Kerala and Karnataka. DPR will be finalised in light of the outcome of the above mentioned meeting.

(b): Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited has been entrusted for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the work of Nilambur-Nanjangud Rail Line Project by Government of Kerala. DPR of this Project will also be finalised in light of the outcome of high level meeting between Kerala & Karnataka States at Chief Secretary level along with officials concerned from Forest Department and Transport Department as alignment is passing through the States of Kerala and Karnataka.
