

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

SURVEY OF BELAGAVI RAILWAY LINE

1188. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the surveyed route of Shedbal-Athani-Bijapur (112 kms) railway line in Belagavi and Bijapur district has been taken up for further action;**
- (b) if so, the current status of the project and if not, the reasons for the same;**
- (c) the project status of Kudachi-Bagalkot railway line;**
- (d) the details of amount sanctioned so far and the utilization status of the sanctioned funds; and**
- (e) the time by when the Railways intends to finish the projects mentioned above?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1188 BY SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING SURVEY OF BELAGAVI RAILWAY LINE

(a) and (b): Survey for new Broad Gauge line between Shedbal-Athani – Bijapur (112.6 Km) was completed in 2012-13. The project could not be taken forward being financially unviable.

(c) and (d): Bagalkot-Kudachi new line project (142 Km) has been sanctioned in 2010-11. Anticipated cost of the project is ₹1530 crore. Project is on cost sharing basis, Government of Karnataka is providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of project. So far, an expenditure of ₹326 crore including State share of ₹194.84 crore has been incurred. 30 Km length from Bagalkot to Khajjidhani has been commissioned. 451 Ha of land out of 789 Ha in Bagalkot district and 94 Ha land out of 190 Ha land in Belagavi district has been handed over so far by State Government of Karnataka and further land acquisition is in various stages of acquisition. Stage-I clearance for diversion of 16.82 Ha forest land has been received and stage-II clearance has been taken up. Work has been taken up in remaining section in available land.

Infrastructure projects in Karnataka are covered under South Western Railway (SWR) zone of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all ongoing Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in > Ministry of Railways > Railway Board > About Indian Railways > Railway Board Directorates > Finance (Budget) > Rail Budget/Pink Book (Year) > Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme.

(e): The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, priority of project, 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 due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s). As such, confirmed completion time of project(s) cannot be ascertained at this stage. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.
