

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2989
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

NEW RAILWAY LINES IN KARNATAKA

2989. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of survey approved for new railway lines in Karnataka;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the new railway line between Hejjala and Chamarajanagar was announced almost three decades ago but the survey has not been taken up till date and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the above surveys during the last three years; and**
- (d) whether the Government is committed to complete the new railway line between Hejjala and Chamarajanagar without any delay and if so, the details in this regard?**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2989 BY SHRI D.K.SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES IN KARNATAKA

(a) and (c): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise as the Railway's projects may span across various State boundaries. Railway Projects in Karnataka are covered by South Western Railway (SWR), Central Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR). Zonal Railway-wise details of new line survey sanctioned during last 03 years and current year are as follows:-

S.No.	Railway Zones covered under State of Karnataka	No. of new line surveys approved	Total length (in Km)
1.	South Western Railway	06	417
2.	Central Railway	06	784
3.	Southern Railway	02	135
4.	South Central Railway	01	75
	Total	15	1411

The details of funds allocated, Zonal Railway-wise on surveys alongwith expenditure incurred during the last three years are as follows:-

(₹ In crore)

S.No.	Railway Zones covered under State of Karnataka	Funds allocated for surveys (Revised Estimate) during last 03 years (2019-22)	Expenditure incurred on survey during last 03 years (2019-22)
1.	South Western Railway	5.91	2.65
2.	Central Railway	17.63	6.15
3.	Southern Railway	9.99	4.81
4.	South Central Railway	14.30	5.69
	Total	47.83	19.30

(b) and (d): Hejjala - Chamarajanagar of Bangalore - Kanakapura - Chamarajanagar - Sathyamangalam new railway line was sanctioned in 1997-98. As reserved forest land is falling on proposed alignment, the proposal between Chamrajanagar to Sathyamangalam was freezed and the project was restricted between Bangalore and Chamarajanagar for a length of 142 Km. Government of Karnataka is providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of the project. Land proposals have been submitted to Government of Karnataka in 2016.

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.
