GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3895 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

STATION AT SOORAGONDANAKOPPA

3895. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the proposed Shimoga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur railway line;
- (b) the time by which this railway line would be operational;
- (c) whether the Government proposes a railway halt/station at Sooragondanakoppa or Nymathi in Davangere district which is a taluk headquarters also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the railway hospital and school in Harihara town in Davangere district and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Shivamogga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur new line project (103Km) has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Government ofKarnataka. Government of Karnataka has to provide land free of cost

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and also share 50% construction cost of project. Execution of the project is planned in 2 phases, Phase-I is Shivamogga to Shikaripura (46 Km) and Phase-II is Shikaripura – Ranibennur (57 Km). Out of total requirement of 559 Ha land, only 225 Ha land has been handed over by State Government of Karnataka. The work has been taken up in available land.

Government of Karnataka has deposited only ₹60.26 Crore against demand of ₹150 Crore from Ministry of Railways for this project. However, an outlay of ₹150 Crore has been provided by Ministry of Railway to this project for financial year 2024-25.

Soorangondanakoppa village is planned to be served by proposed Mallapura railway station of this project.

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, 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 climate conditions etc.

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Railway Health Unit at Harihara is already operational with necessary infrastructure to cater to primary healthcare needs of more than 7000 registered railway medical beneficiaries as well as rail passengers.

For secondary and tertiary healthcare requirement, District Hospital and Medical College are available at Davangere. Further, patients requiring emergency medical care may also be referred to Bapuji Hospital (empanelled Hospital by Railway) at Davangere. There is no Railway School at Harihara town.

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