GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2981 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN HARIHARA-HONNALLI-SHIVAMOGGA

2981. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to carryout survey for railway line between Harihara Honnalli Shivamogga of Karnataka State; and
- (b) if so, details including the benefits to the farmer and public as a result thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) and (b): Shivamogga-Harihar new line project (79 Km) has been sanctioned on 50:50 cost sharing basis and land to be provided free of cost by Government of Karnataka (GoK) at a cost of ₹832 crore.

Railways had requested GoK to acquire entire land of 488 Ha for the project. However, GoK has shown their inability to share the cost and to provide land free of cost. The project has been held up on this account.

Railway infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka are covered under South Western Railway (SWR), Central

Railway (CR), Southern Railway (SR) and South Central Railway (SCR) zones of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

As on 01.04.2025, 25 projects (15 new lines, 10 Doubling) of 3,264 km length, costing ₹42,517 crore falling fully/partly in Karnataka are sanctioned, out of which 1,394 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹21,310 Crore has been incurred upto March' 2025. The summary is as under:-

Category	No of	Total	Length	Exp
	sanctioned	Length	Commissioned	upto Mar'25
	Projects	(in km)	Upto Mar'25	(₹ in cr.)
			(Km)	
New Line	15	2,034	421	8,794
Doubling/	10	1,230	973	12,516
Multitracking				
Total	25	3,264	1,394	21,310

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is as under:

Period	Outlay	
2009-14	₹835 crore/year	
2025-26	₹7,564 crore (more than 9 times)	

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned
2009-14	565 Km	113 Km/year
2014-25	1,671 Km	152 Km/year (34% more)

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka are as under:

S.	Project	Cost
No		(₹in Crores)
1	Kottur-Harihar New Line (65 km)	468
2	Hassan-Bangalore New Line (167 km)	1290
3	Bidar-Gulbarga New Line (110 km)	1543
4	Shivani-Hosadurga Road Doubling (10 km)	50
5	Shivani-Birur Doubling (29 km)	143
6	Hosadurga-Chikjajur Doubling (29 km)	260
7	Ramanagram-Mysore patch Doubling (94 km)	998
8	Yelahanka-Chennasadra Doubling (13 km)	108
9	Yeshwantpur-Yelahanka Doubling (12 km)	95
10	Netrawati-Mangalore Central Doubling (2 km)	28
11	Kankanadi-Panambur Doubling (19 km)	350
12	Arsikere-Tumkur Doubling (96 km)	758
13	Yelahanka-Penukonda Doubling (123 km)	1104
14	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (225 km)	3182
15	Hubli-Chikjajur Doubling (190 km)	1850

Some of the projects falling fully/partly in Karnataka which have been taken up are as under:

S No.	Project	Cost (₹ in Crores)
1	Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Vasco-de-Gama Doubling (312 Km)	4153
2	Toranagallu-Ranjithpura Doubling (23 Km)	147
3	Hotgi-Gadag Doubling (284 Km)	2459
4	Ginigera – Raichur New line (165 Km)	3401
5	Gadag – Wadi New line (257 Km)	2842
6	Bagalkot – Kudachi New line (142 Km)	1649
7	Tumkur – Rayadurga New line (207 Km)	2496
8	Tumkur – Davangere New line (182 Km)	2142
9	Chikmagalur – Belur New line (22 Km)	290
10	Kadur – Chikmagalur New line (46 Km)	535
11	Baiyyapanahalli – Hosur Doubling (48 Km)	336
12	Yeshwanthpur-Channasandra Doubling (22 Km)	314

Despite the fact that Government of India has been progressively allocating record funds for railway projects, many projects in Karnataka are still delayed due to slow pace of land acquisition. Some of the projects delayed due to land acquisition are given as under:-

S No.	Project	Total Land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1	Shimoga - Rannebennur New line (96 Km)	559	226	333
2	Belgaum - Dharwad New line (73 Km)	531	0	531
3	Shimoga - Harihar New line (79 Km)	488	0	488
4	Whitefield-Kolar New line (53 km)	337	0	337
5	Hassan-Belur New Line (27 km)	206	0	206

Summary of the status of land acquisition in Karnataka is as under:-

Total Land required for Projects in Karnataka	8969 Ha
Land Acquired	5657 Ha (63%)
Balance Land to be acquired	3312 Ha (37%)

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like 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 etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
