

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2995  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

**CONSTRUCTION OF SIX RAILWAY LINES**

**2995. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has approved construction of six railway lines, including doubling of Hubli-Chikjajur railway line to cater to both increased passenger and freight needs of various areas of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and**
- (c) the time by which doubling work between Hubli-Londa-Vasco will be completed to boost overall development of North Karnataka region?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b): On 17.02.2016, Government has approved Hubli-Chickjur doubling project along with five other doubling projects viz. (i) Hubli-Chickjajur, Doubling (190 km) (ii) Wardha (Sewagram)-Ballarshah, Doubling (132 km) (iii) Rampur Dumra-Taluka- Rajendrapul, Additional Bridge and Doubling (14 km) (iv) Ramna-Singarauli, Doubling (160 km) (v) Anuppur-Katni 3rd line (165.52 km) (vi) Katni-Singrauli doubling with electrification (261 km) at a total estimated cost of ₹9475 Crores.**

**Hubli-Chickjur doubling project has been approved at a cost of ₹1141 Crores and an outlay of ₹280 Crores has been earmarked in Rail Budget 2016-17.**

**(c): The Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Tiniaghat-Vasco-de-Gama project has been executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. 58% work on this project has been completed. Targets for doubling/ multiple lines are fixed on yearly basis subject to availability of funds and progress made in individual projects. Targets for projects are dependent upon (i) land acquisition, (ii) forestry & wild life clearances, (iii) shifting of services, (iv) construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies (v) law & order issues in addition to availability of funds, and many of these items are beyond control of Railways. Hence it is not feasible to fix the target date of completion.**

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