

Railway projects in Karnataka

735. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the pending railway projects in Karnataka including speed trains between Chennai/Bengaluru/Mysore;

(b) whether the circular railway project in Bengaluru would be taken up to ease the growing traffic problem in Bengaluru; and

(c) the number of railway projects taken up on cost sharing basis between Government of Karnataka and Railways, the names and status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) There are 17 New Line and 9 Doubling ongoing projects falling fully/partially in the State of Karnataka.

Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysore route has been identified to introduce Semi-High Speed Trains.

(b) A study to explore the possibility of enhancing the existing rail network for running suburban services on the existing lines in Bengaluru area has been sanctioned in the Budget 2014-15.

(c) 16 projects have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with Government of Karnataka as under :

Sl.No.	Project	Status
	New Line	
1.	Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur (97 Km)	Kadur-Chikmagalur (46 Km) completed. Work on balance portion taken up.
2.	Hassan-Bangalore <i>via</i> Sharavanbelagola (166 Km)	Hassan-BG Nagar (75 Km) and Chickabanaver (Bangalore)-Solur (30 Km) sections completed. Work on balance portion taken up.
3.	Rayadurg-Tumkur (212 Km)	Rayadurg-Vedavathy (24 Km) completed. Formation work and bridge works in Vedavathy-Kadaredevarapally (28 Km) taken up. In Kadaredevarapally-Tumkur section, land requisition papers submitted to State Government.
4.	Bagalkot-Kudachi (142 Km)	Work on Bagalkot-Karkalamatti-Lokapur (33 Km) taken up. Land acquisition papers for balance portion submitted to State Government.

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5.	Bangalore-Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam (260 Km)	Work on Bangalore-Chamarajanagar section taken up. Work beyond Chamarajanagar frozen as forestry clearance is not available.
6.	Munirabad-Mahboobnagar (246 Km)	Yeramaras-Yadalapur doubling (14.5 Km) and Deverakadra-Makhtal part (31 Km) completed. Work on Ginigera-Budhgumpa-Chikkabenakal (27 Km) taken up. Land acquisition in balance portion taken up.
7.	Gulbarga-Bidar (110 Km)	Work on Khanapur-Hallikhed (55 Km) and Gulbarga-Sultanpur (10 Km) completed. Work in balance portion taken up.
8.	Shimoga-Harihar (78.66 Km)	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
9.	Whitefield-Kolar (52.9 Km)	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
10.	Tumkur-Davangere (199.7 Km)	Land acquisition papers submitted to the State Government.
11.	Gadag-Wadi (252 Km)	Final location survey taken up.
12.	Chikballapur-Puttaparthysri Satya Sai Nilayam (103 Km)	Requisite approvals of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs not received.
13.	Srinivasapura-Madanapalli (75 Km)	Requisite approvals of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs not received.
14.	Chikballapur-Gowribidanur (44 Km)	Requisite approvals of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs not received.
	Doubling	
1.	Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling (93 Km)	Work on Ramanagaram-Yeliyur (57 Km), Mysore-Naganahalli (10 Km) and Byadrahalli-Pandavapura (8 Km) completed and balance portion taken up.
2.	Hotgi-Kudgi-Gadag (284 Km)	Requisite approvals of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs not received.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train project

736. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train project announced in the Railway Budget has started;