

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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SURVEY OF HASSAN-MANGALURU NEW RAIL ROUTE

597 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that final location survey between Hassan and Mangaluru for a new rail route length of 247km has been proposed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new rail line length of 120km Ghat section will be double line and factor all season availability viz. avoiding landslides disruption et al;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether this new rail route will factor 180kms/hrs speed/semi high speed/ high speed track capacity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): Broad Gauge single line section between Hassan-Mangaluru (183 Km) which is a part of Mangaluru-Bengaluru, was commissioned in 2006 by converting earlier Meter Gauge into Broad Gauge section through a SPV with major share of Government of Karnataka. This section crosses Western Ghats and has sharp curves and gradients. This line is a vital link and connects Mangalore port to the hinterland of Karnataka. Due to poor financial health of SPV, Ministry of Railways has proposed to takeover this line so that capacity augmentation works such as doubling, electrification etc can be taken up.

Accordingly, a Final Location Survey (FLS) for doubling between Bengaluru and Mangaluru with speed potential upto 160 Kmph has been sanctioned in two parts viz. (i) Mangaluru-Hassan (247 Km) and (ii) Hassan- Chikkabanavara (Bengaluru) via Kunigal (166 Km).
