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### **Demand for expediting railway projects in Karnataka**

SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR (Karnataka): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I want to highlight the stalled railway projects in Karnataka's South Western Railway (SWR) Zone, including Hubballi, Bengaluru and Mysore. Despite approval of 13 projects, there has been very little progress. Sir, the projects which are not even started include Dharwad-Belagavi direct rail line; Gadag-Yalavigi rail line which was approved in 2016-17, but still it is only on paper. Hubballi-Ankola rail project, which could connect the Bayaluseeme region. Then, Shivamogga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur project; Hubballi-Shirsi-Talaguppa rail line and Davangere-Tumakuru railway project.

Additionally, the following new railway line proposals, which could transform connectivity in the region, have also seen little progress: Gadag (Talikota) — Wadi; Tumakuru-Davangere (via Chitradurga); Tumakuru-Rayadurg (via Kalyanadurga); Bagalkot-Kudachi; Shivamogga- Shikaripura — Ranebennur; Belagavi — Dharwad (via Kittur); Kadur — Chikkamagaluru — Hassan; Malagur — Palasamudra; Hassan — Bengaluru (via Shravanabelagola); Hubballi — Ankola; and Gadag — Yalavigi.

Also, the Mangaluru Railway Zone is divided among Palakkad, Konkan and South Western Railways and although 75 per cent of the revenue for Palakkad Division comes from Mangaluru, the city does not receive adequate railway infrastructure and facilities in return. This imbalance must be rectified.

Sir, these projects are not impossible to implement. The primary roadblock remains the lack of coordination between the State and railway authorities. I urge the Railway Ministry to take immediate action on these pressing issues. The people of Karnataka deserve better connectivity, efficient transport, and equitable railway development.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri G.C. Chandrashekar: Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri Ashok Singh (Madhya Pradesh), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Shri Neeraj Dangi (Rajasthan), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala).

*Mananiya* Shrimati Sumitra Balmik, "Demand for establishment of a Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Research Centre and Hub in Madhya Pradesh."