

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Ttile: Need to grant approval for the survey report to get work of laying of new railway line between Bellary, Siraguppa, Sindhanur and Lingasugur in Karnataka.

**\*SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA (BELLARY):** Hon. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak during 'zero hour'. I am thankful to the hon. Speaker as he has given priority the hon. Members who are above 70 years of age. I also take this opportunity to congratulate all my sisters and brothers of this august house.

Sir, I would like to speak on the demands of people Bellary pertaining to Railway department. The new railway line between Bellary, Siraguppa, Sindhanur and Lingasugur was announced in the Railway Budget of the year 2014-15 and Rs. 1160 crore were allocated. The survey work of the railway line was also approved. The survey report was submitted to the Railway Board on 4.1.2019. However, the report is kept pending as the approval was not sanctioned for the railway line by the Railway board. There is no allocation made for this railway line in the Budget for the year 2019-20. This is an important railway line as it connects Kalyana Karnataka, Wadi, Solapur and many parts of Northern India, Western India and Central India. Hence I urge upon the government through you to take immediate necessary steps to grant approval for the survey report to get financial assistance to start the work on the above mentioned railway line without further delay.

Sir, I would like to raise one more issue about facilities farmers. The government has made provision for facilitating the farmers with agriculture machineries including purchase of tractors, etc. to ensure happy and prosperous life to farmers. I would like to suggest

that the government should be provide the details of equipment, the price and the manufacturing company of the equipment, and the amount of subsidy available to the farmers on purchase of the equipment etc. All these details should be uploaded in the Agriculture Department website so that farmers could have an idea about the facilities and choose the farm machineries such as tractor, power tiller, cutter, etc., as per their choice.

With these words I conclude my speech. Thank you, Sir.