

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:367
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CONSTRUCTION OF ANKOLA-HUBLI RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to construct a railway line from Ankola to Hubli in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost thereof and the funds earmarked therefore; (
- (c) whether the construction work of that line has been started; and
- (d) if so, the progress made so far?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railway) (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The latest anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 991.91 cr. and the outlay provided during 2000-2001 is Rs. 6 cr.
- (c) & (d) The Final Location Survey for the work has been completed. presently in progress. The work would be started once the land becomes available.

In order to expedite the work, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Karnataka Government for taking up the balance work through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to be set up jointly by the Railways and Karnataka Government. The modalities for setting up this SPV are being sorted out.