

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3797  
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HASSAN-MANGALORE RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted the proposal to the Union Government for setting up the Hassan Mangalore Rail Development Company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the approval of the Union Government is likely to be granted?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

(a) to (c): Hassan Mangalore Rail Development Company (HMRDC) is being set up by Ministry of Railways, Government of Karnataka, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) and other strategic investors to implement Hassan - Mangalore Gauge Conversion project. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the formation of HMRDC.