

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:896  
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HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR  
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

- (a) whether the Railways have received any request from Karnataka Government that a High Speed Southern Rail Corridor be planned between Chennai-Mumbai via Bangalore and Hubli with an additional link between Bangalore and Mysore;
- (b) if so, the details of the feasibility study conducted by the Railways; and
- (c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government of Karnataka had requested for undertaking pre- feasibility study for a High Speed Rail corridor on the Chennai-Bangalore-Hubli-Mumbai route with a link upto Mysore. As per the policy of Ministry of Railways, pre-feasibility study for High Speed Rail Corridor which is other than the six corridors identified by Railways, the concerned State Government has to bear 80% of the cost of the study. Government of Karnataka has expressed its unwillingness to do so. Hence the decision to go in for a pre-feasibility study for High speed Rail Corridor between Chennai-Mumbai lies with the Government of Karnataka.