GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1534
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012
ELECTRIFICATION WORK IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose electrification on Bangalore- Mysore, Bangalore-Hubli and Hubli-Gadag railway lines in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time frame set for its completion;

(c) the time by which the EMU/MEMU and electric engine trains are likely to be introduced on these routes;

(d) whether the Railways propose to extend some more trains upto Mysore after completion of Channapatna-Mysore electrification work; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the railways to enhance facilities on the said routes?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1534 BY SHRI ADAGOORU VISHWANATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2012 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION WORK IN KARNATAKA

(a): No, Madam. However, Bangalore-Kengeri section is electrified and electrification work is in progress on Kengeri-Mysore section. Feasibility survey for electrification of Bangalore-Hubli and Hubli-Gadag rail lines is being taken up. Final decision will depend upon appraisal of survey report as the electrification of railway tracks is decided based on financial viability, traffic volume and operational flexibility.

(b): Electrification of Kengeri-Mysore section was sanctioned alongwith doubling with 2:1 cost sharing between State Government and Railway. State Government is now not willing to share the electrification portion of the cost. Unless State Government gives its share of the project cost, as already agreed by them, completion target cannot be given.

(c) to (e): Introduction of new trains, extension of existing train services and augmentation of facilities is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc.