

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3293
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HUBLI ANKOLA LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set up a committee to study and suggest alternative routes/alignments for Hubli-Ankola new line project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the said committee has submitted any report thereon;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken thereon by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (d): As per the directives of Central Empowered Committee to stop work on Hubli-Ankola project, alternative alignments are being explored. Government of Karnataka have entrusted work of study of Flora & Fauna of Western Ghat and environmental impact of project on Western Ghat to Indian Institute of Science (IISc). A team of IISc, Bangalore has visited the project site and suggested some alternative alignments & fresh traffic survey. They have submitted their final report to Government of Karnataka on 15.02.2012. Government of Karnataka has forwarded the final report to Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi for consideration.