

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4663  
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2014  
SURVEY FOR NEW RAILWAY LINE IN KARNATAKA  
Karandlaje Km. Shobha

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

- (a) the status of survey for laying of new railway line from Kadur to Sakleshpura via Chikmagalur and Mangalore to Gulbarga via Hassan, Arasikere, Chitradurga in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) the time by which these are likely to be completed;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce new trains from Bangalore to Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Katra, Intercity Express between Bangalore to Udupi via Hassan, Mangalore- New Delhi Duronto Express via Udupi, Madgaon and Express train between Mangalore-Kacheguda;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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. 4663 BY KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2014 REGARDING SURVEY FOR NEW RAILWAY LINE IN KARNATAKA.

(a) and (b): Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur new line is a sanctioned project. On this project, work on Kadur-Chikmagalur has already been completed and work in Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur section has been taken up.

Mangalore-Hassan-Arasikere-Chitradurga-Gulbarga is already a broad gauge line.

(c) to (e): Yesvantpur-Katra Premium Express and Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Express (Bi-weekly) via Mangalore, Udupi, Madgaon have been announced in the Railway Budget 2014-15.

At present, there is no proposal to introduce Bangalore-Udupi via Hassan, Mangalore-New Delhi Duronto Express and Mangalore-Kacheguda Express due to operational and resource constraints. However, introduction of new train services on Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resource, etc.