

**Title:** Need to allocate funds for early completion of new rail line between Bidar and Gulbarga in Karnataka – laid

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA) : The State Government of Karnataka had proposed a new railway line between Bidar and Gulbarga in Karnataka. The location survey had already been conducted and completed and the report submitted to the Railway Ministry. About Rs.50 lakhs were also spent in constructing this line. The Government of Karnataka had also sent a communication to the Government of India in this regard on 3.2.2000. This railway line is very important for Gulbarga District as there are a number of technical colleges and many industries have been set up in the Gulbarga District. The Karnataka Government have urged the Railways to provide funds for constructing this line in 2000-01 and 2001-02 Railway Budget. But it has not been considered by the Railways. The work on this project has already started but due to lack of funds this line is not being completed.

I, therefore, urge the Union Government to kindly consider and make provisions in the Budget for constructing this railway line at an early date.