

**Title:** Need to take steps for early completion of Gulbarga-Bidar new railway line project in Karnataka-Laid.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA) : Gulbarga-Bidar New Railway line foundation stone laying ceremony was performed at Bidar on 29.7.2000 by the then Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways. Since, then, no progress has been made on this project. A meager amount was sanctioned in the budget of 2000-01. Although the 2001-02 budget is also under completion, this project is lying as it was. This Gulbarga-Bidar new railway line should be completed early as this new line would help the people to save a lot of time while traveling to Gulbarga and other connecting places.

On completion of this project, there will be a saving of five hours time in traveling between Delhi and Gulbarga. This line will be of a great importance to the people of Gulbarga, which is my constituency and the people of Gulbarga are demanding for its early completion.

I, therefore, urge the Railway Minister to kindly see that some progress is made before the completion of this budget and some provisions should be made to complete this project in the next financial year also.