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Title : Need to release more funds for early completion of Kottur-Harihara Railway line project.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Sir, Kottur-Harihara railway line forms an important link between two coasts, East and West. The line, on completion, would enable movement of iron ore to all the three ports, Mangalore, Chennai and Vizag ports, and on return journey, goods train can carry fertilizers, coal, cement and other products. The foundation stone was laid nearly 10 years back and work is going on in a very slow pace. The line which is economically viable should be given priority. The Centre has allocated Rs.3 crore only for this project in the current Budget. A sum of Rs.20 crore should be allocated immediately for the speeding up of this project.

The foundation stone was laid by the then Minister of State for Railways for construction of Road Over Bridge in Satyanarayanpet Railway Gate, i.e. L.C. No.114 of Bellary City in early 2004, but no work has started till now.

I urge upon the Centre to allocate more funds for these projects for speedy/early completion of these projects, as these two are the most important proposals.