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Title: Need to expedite the proposals submitted by Karnataka Government regarding Hubli-Ankola Railway Line Project and Chamarajnagar Kanpur-Bangalore New Railway Line - Laid.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA): Sir, the Karnataka Government have submitted following two proposals to the Union Government:-

- (i) Hubli-Ankola New Railway Line project forwarded on 9.1.2007. This 167 km. new railway line with a project cost of about Rs. 998 crore is a very important as it connects the hinterland of North Karnataka with the Ports on the west coast. This will help in transportation of iron ore from Hospet region to the Ports for exports. This work was under implementation. The State Forest Department has given its clearance. The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Railways have to obtain clearance of the Central Empowered Committee.
- (ii) Chamarajnagar-Kanakapur-Bangalore New Railways Line Project. The project was surveyed by the Railway Ministry. Chamarajnagar is one of the most backward districts of Karnataka. It has high SC & ST population. This railway line connects Chamarajanagar District with Bangalore and will help in the socio-economic development of Chamarajanagar and Ramanagaram District.

Both the above proposals were submitted in January 2007 and are important for the Karnataka State.

I urge upon the Government to take urgent steps to consider and clear both these proposals.