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Title: Need to enhance annual allocation of funds for doubling of railway line between Ramangaram-Mysore.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA): The Karnataka Government have submitted the following two important proposals to the Railway Ministry:-

- (i) The project of doubling railway line from Bangalore-Ramanagaram has been taken up by Railway Ministry. The Railways have now approved the doubling between Ramanagaram-Mysore in the 2007-08 Budget with an allocation of Rs. 16.15 crore. The total estimate for doubling and electrification is Rs. 343.18 crore. The State Government has been urging the Railways to enhance the allocation Rs. 90 crore per annum to complete the project in two years; and
- (ii) The Kottur-Harihar New Railway Line Project is a 65 km project. Considering the economic viability and increased potential for transportation of Iron Ore from Bellary region, the State Government has been requesting to convert this project to a Public Private Partnership Project. The total amount released so far by the State Government has gone up to Rs. 40 crore. The Railways have provided Rs. 30.70 crore in the 2007-08 Budget. The total cost is about Rs. 290 crore and the expenditure so far is Rs. 40 crore. The State Government has been urging the Railways to enhance allocation of Rs. 65 crore per annum to complete this project in next two years.

I urge upon the Government to consider both the requests favourably.

* Treated as laid on the Table.