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Title: Need to expedite completion of work on new railway line between Houssoon and Bangalore.

SHRI N. CHELUVARAYA SWAMY (MANDYA): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Railway line between Bangalore and Hassan was laid in the year 1996, when our J.D.(S) party supremo Shri H.D. Devegowda ji was the Prime Minister of India. The total length of this railway line is about 150 Km., out of which only 70 kilometre work has been completed. 20 kilometre old railway line from Bangalore to Nelamangala is already there. Remaining 60 kilometre from Shravana Belagola to Nelamangala has not been completed in the last 14 years. This railway line passes through five Parliamentary constituencies like Hassan, Mandya, Tumkur, Bangalore North and Bangalore Rural. This railway line is running parallel to N H 4. Even after 70 percent works have already been completed why this line is being ignored by the railways? If the remaining 30% work is not completed will it not be a national waste? Why it should be kept pending so long? It is unfortunate that even after 14 years this 30% work has not been completed.

We were assured by Hon. Railway Minister Kum. Mamata Banerjee ji that it would be taken up on priority basis. Hon. Railway Minister for state Shri. K.H.Muniyappa ji hails from our own state Karnataka. I would like to request

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both of them to take immediate steps to complete it. Several railway projects are being announced every year in the budget but unfortunately most of them are merely on paper. These projects have not seen the light of the day. Like the railway line between Hassan and Bangalore many railway projects like doubling of Mysore-Bangalore railway line, railway line between Mysore-Chamaraj Nagar have not been completed. Many projects in North Karnataka still remain on paper. Instead of introducing new railway lines, on going railway projects should be given priority. It would be a national waste if the ongoing railway lines are not completed. Hence I urge upon the Hon. Minister of Railways to take all steps to complete expeditiously the on going railway projects including Hassan – Bangalore railway line. ~~Thank you.~~