

## **Regarding need to ensure completion of the doubling of the Konkan Railway Route Project- Laid**

**SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY (UDUPI CHIKMAGALUR):** It has been officially placed on record that Karnataka, Maharashtra, and even Goa have requested to exit from Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, and few of them expressed inability to fund the doubling of the route, yet the Corporation continues as an independent PSU instead of being merged with Indian Railways. As a result, the vital West Coast corridor from Mangaluru to Mumbai is still a single-line section, operating at nearly 175% capacity, purely due to fund constraints. KRCL does not have the financial strength to undertake doubling of this high-density route. I wish to know what concrete steps the Government of India and the Ministry of Railways have planned to ensure the long-pending doubling of the Konkan Railway line even if its not merged with Indian Railways.