

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:728  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003  
MANGALORE-HASSAN RAIL LINK  
VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is no diversion link connecting the existing railway network with Konkan track all along its 740 km. route;
- (b) whether the work on Mangalore-Hassan link, held up for gauge conversion for almost ten years, will be taken up on war-footing;
- (c) whether a rail link facility between Mangalore-Hassan and onwards, if restored, would provide an alternate diversion route for people of Dalshiana Kannada and Kerala in case of any mishaps on Konkan track;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 728 BY SHRI VINAY KL SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.7.2003 REGARDING MANGALORE-HASSAN RAIL LINK

(a): There exist a diversion link connecting existing Railway network with Konkan Railway line joining at Madgaon.

(b) to (e): Gauge conversion of Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore MG is being progressed in Phases.Work on Arsikere-Hassan-Sakleshpur section of the project has been completed and commissioned. Work on Mangalore-Kabakaputtur is nearing completion. It is targeted to complete the section upto Subramanya Road from Mangalore end during 2003-04. The work on ghat section between Subramanya Road and Sakleshpur is also in progress and is expected to be completed during 2004-05 subject to availability of resources. This is one of the projects being implemented through KRIDE.

On completion of Arsikere -Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project,another diversion link for Konkan Railway route would be available.