

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4337
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PROGRESS WORK OF HUBLI-ANKOLA NEW LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the outlay and the financial and physical progress made for the execution of Hubli-Ankola new line project in Karnataka;
- (b) the details of the financial arrangement if any entered into with the State Government for sharing the cost;
- (c) whether there is any move to create a special purpose vehicle for raising the funds for the execution of the project like it has been done in the case of Hassan-Mangalore; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a): The earthwork and bridge works are in progress. Proposal for diversion of forest land is also being pursued. An outlay of Rs. 18.02 crore has been provided for this project in the budget 2004-05 and an expenditure of Rs. 49.03 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.3.2004.

(b) to (d): This project is identified for implementation under Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company (K-RIDE), a Special Purpose Vehicle with Government Karnataka & Ministry of Railways. K-RIDE will work out suitable financial mechanism for implementation.