

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN SHORANUR MANGALORE SECTION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling of the railway line between Shoranur-Mangalore section has been delayed due to contractual failures; and

(b) if so, the details and the steps being taken to solve the problem and to complete the project as early as possible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) : On this 307 Kms. long route, doubling has already been commissioned on 284 Kms. length. Another 21 Kms. has also been completed and is likely to be commissioned in March, 2007. Contractual problem in construction of Netravati River bridge has delayed the completion of the bridge.

(b): Contracts awarded earlier for construction of Netravati River bridge have been terminated and fresh tenders have been processed for the bridge works.