

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1389  
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TRAIN SERVICE ON HASSAN- MANGALORE LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to open Hassan-Mangalore line to passenger train service where the freight trains were flagged off in May 2006;
- (b) if so, whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety had raised several issues pertaining to safety standards of the bridges, signalling across small patches and safety along a 50-km. stretch between Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto; and
- (d) the time by which passenger train service is likely to be started on the said line?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & ( c ) : Commissioner of Railway Safety raised the issue for providing a catch siding at Sirivagilu which has since been provided and the papers resubmitted to Commissioner of Railway Safety.

(d): Passenger train services on Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road section would be introduced after statutory inspection and certification by Commissioner of Railway Safety.