

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BIDAR AND GULBARGA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to form New Railway Line between Bidar and Gulbarga in Karanataka State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the same;
- (c) the estimated cost of this project and the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (d) the details of the funds have been utilized out of this so far; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated to the project during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (e) : New line from Bidar to Gulbarga (140 kms) was included in the Budget (Supplementary) 1997-98 subject to the proviso that work would be taken up after obtaining requisite clearances, which were obtained in 1998-99. An outlay of Rs.10 crore has been provided for the Budget during 2004-05

(c): The estimated cost of the project is Rs.369.70 crore. No time frame for completion of the new line has yet been fixed. The work would be completed in the coming years depending upon availability of resources.

(d) : An expenditure of Rs.20.01 crore has been incurred on the project up to 31.03.2004.