

Title: Need for high-speed inter-city rail link between Bangalore-Chennai and Bangalore-Hyderabad.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, silicon city, Bangalore, is one of the fast growing cities in India. The railway link between Bangalore and the capital cities of neighbouring States is not at all encouraging. The railway line between Bangalore and Chennai has not been electrified in full till today. The doubling of this line is very slow. Similarly, the railway link between Bangalore and Hyderabad is very old. It is circuitous, cumbersome and time consuming. Hyderabad, like Bangalore, is coming up very fast in developing software industry. Both of these cities are very important educational and business centres. Hence a direct railway link between these two cities is very important.

The inter-city connection between Bangalore-Hyderabad and Bangalore-Chennai will not only change the entire concept of distance and time but also revolutionise the all-round development of these cities. Apart from the relief that this would provide to passengers and in freight movement as well as higher economic benefits, it would boost the economy of the region.

I therefore urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to take up the work of this high-speed rail transport immediately.