

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to start construction of Kanhangad-Panathur-Kaniyoor railway line in Kerala

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): I would like to request the Government and the Railway Ministry to take urgent steps in connection with the inter-State Railway line that is, from Kerala to Karnataka especially in Kanhangad - Panathur - Kaniyur Railway line.

Madam Speaker, this line was included in the Budget in 2008 onwards. All proceedings of the survey including traffic survey have already been completed. It was sent to the Railway Board in the earlier Government. It was also sent for the appraisal of the Planning Commission. Now, we got the reply that it is financially and technically feasible. This is an inter-State Railway connecting Kerala and Karnataka. The cost comes to about rupees one thousand and two hundred crores. The total length is about ninety kilometres which is forty five kilometres in Kerala and forty five kilometres in Karnataka. The distance would be reduced to half towards the Bengaluru from the northern part of Kerala. A large number of people depend upon Kerala especially northern part of the State for education, hospital and trade. There are a large number of tourist destinations in both States which would also benefit if this line comes in force. The State Governments have already given their views. I request the Government to take these steps in the next budget itself.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri P.K. Biju, Dr. A. Sampath, Adv. Joice George, Shri M.B. Rajesh and Shrimati P.K. Shremathi Teacher are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P. Karunakaran.