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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
RAILWAY BOARD

No. RB/RTI Cell/2011/010018318

New Delhi, Dt. 12.10.2011

To,

Shri Deendayal Koli,  
Rajasthan Patrika,  
50/11., 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Industrial Town,  
Rajajinagar,  
Bangalore-560044.


Sir,

**Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.**

In reference to your application dated 02.8.2011 addressed to the Central Public Information Officer, Railway Board, a reply is enclosed.

However, in case you are not satisfied with the information, you may prefer an appeal within 30 days as provided in the Act to **Executive Director (Works), Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001** who is the Appellate Authority.

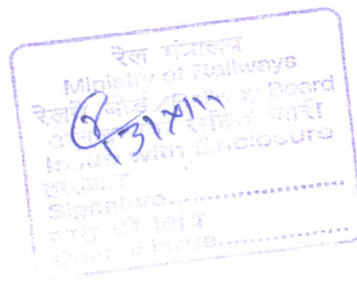
DA: As above.



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**REPLY**

Subject: Information sought by Mr.Deendayal Koli.

Ref: Case No. RB/RTI/2011/010018318 seeking information under RTI Act

Marked to: Dir/Works-I

| S. No. | Item No. | Information sought by the Party   | Ministry's response                  | Annexure (Certificate No., detailed file noting) |
|--------|----------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1      | 1        | On how many KMs the pending railway line work has is over in Karnataka? How much work is left?  | (1) to (6): A Statement is attached. | Nil.   |
|        | 2.       | When had these railway lines been announced? When were the tenders given?   |                                      |  |
|        | 3.       | When did the work start on each railway line?   |                                      |  |
|        | 4.       | How much Budget has been sanctioned so far for these railway lines? How much has been utilised so far and how much is left? Please provide the related documents. |                                      |  |
|        | 5.       | Why has the work not over on these lines? What problems are there on the way?   |                                      |  |
|        | 6.       | Kindly provide the full name, address, designation and phone numbers of the first appeal officer in this regard?  |                                      |  |

Name of Officer: K.S. Tiria  
Designation: Deputy Director/Works-V

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO VARIOUS ISSUES RAISED BY MR. DEENDAYAL KOLI.

Item No. 1, 2 & 4: Project-wise details of on-going new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka is given as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

| S. No. | Project                               | Year of inclusion in the Budget | Anticipated Cost   | Anticipated Expenditure incurred upto March, 2011 | Outlay Provided during 2011-12 | Throwforward | Status including brief reasons for delay  |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
|        | NEW LINE                              |                                 |  |   |                                |              |   |
| 1.     | Kottur-Harihara (65 Km)               | 1995-96                         | 354.06   | 317.89  | 6.66                           | 29.51        | Work completed and expected to be commissioned shortly.   |
| 2.     | Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur (93 Km) | 1996-97                         | 332.82<br>( This cost is expected increase to Rs. 595.22 cr) | 189.45  | 40                             | 103.37       | Kadur-Chickmagalur (46 Km) is in progress where Kadur-Sakarayapatna-Kanivehalli (32 Km) is completed and Kanivehalli-Chickmagalur (14 Km) is targeted for completion during 2011-12.<br>Work on Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur (47 Km) which is kept pend due to low operational priority. However, defreezing of this work is also under consideration. |
| 3.     | Hubli-Ankola (167 Km)                 | 1997-98                         | 337.82   | 58.71   | 33                             | 246.11       | Work on entire project has been stopped as per directives of Central Empowered Committee, constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Matter is sub-judice.   |
| 4.     | Gadwal-Raichur (60 Km)                | 1998-99                         | 228.09   | 214.1   | 39                             | (-)25.01     | Gadwal-Pandurangswami (30 Km) is completed. Work on balance portion is also being expedited.  |

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| 5. | Hassan-Bangalore via Sharavanbelagola (166 Km) | 1996-97 | 475.51 | 443.1 | 60   | (-)27.59 | Hassan-Shravanbelagola (42 Km) and Chickbanaver-Nelamangla (14 Km) completed. Work is in progress on Nelamangla-Solur (19 Km), Solur-Hirisave (72 Km) and Hirisave-Shravanbelagola (19 Km) sections. Hirisave-Shravanbelagola (19 Km) section is targeted for completion during 2011-12. |
| 6. | Rayadurg-Tumkur (213 Km)                       | 2007-08 | 1027.9 | 29.79 | 40   | 958.11   | Final location survey has been completed and land acquisition has been processed. State Government has to expedite handing over of required land.  |
| 7. | Bagalkot-Kudachi (142 Km)                      | 2010-11 | 816.14 | 0.2   | 17   | 798.94   | Final location survey in 90 Km completed. Land acquisition for 56 Km from Bagalkot end submitted to State Authorities. State Government has to expedite handing over of land.  |
| 8. | Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 Km)               | 1996-97 | 226    | 0.29  | 3.30 | 222.41   | As per objections of Tamil Nadu Forest Department and directions of Central Empowered Committee, constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court, all works have been stopped. Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been requested for dropping of this project.                            |
|    |  |         |        |       |      |          | State Governments have to expedite their views on dropping of this project.  |
| 9. | Munirabad-Mahboobnagar (246 Km)                | 1997-98 | 567.47 | 78.87 | 60   | 428.6    | Land acquisition has been processed in eleven villages and 150 acre of land taken over in Karnataka area. State Government has to expedite handing over of land.   |

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| 10.                     | Gulbarga-Bidar<br>(140 Km)                                      | 1997-98 | 554.55 | 169.77 | 46  | 338.78 | Work on Phase-I, Khanapur-Honnabad (37 Km) completed and works on Honnabad-Hallikhed (15 Km) and Hallikhed-Gulbarga (54 Km) sections is in progress.<br>State Government has to expedite handing over of balance land.                              |
| 11.                     | Cuddapah-Bangalore<br>(255.4 Km)                                | 2008-09 | 1090.2 | 7.82   | 100 | 982.38 | 21.80 Km patch is being executed by South Central Railway and balance transfered to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL). Land acquisition papers have been submitted to State Authorities. State Government has to expedite handing over of required land. |
| 12.                     | Shimoga-Harihar<br>(78.65 Km)                                   | 2011-12 | 562.74 | ...    | 1   | 561.74 | New work included in the Budget 2011-12. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the works.  |
| 13.                     | Whitefield-Kolar (52.9 Km)                                      | 2011-12 | 341.05 | ...    | 1   | 340.05 | New work included in the Budget 2011-12. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the works.  |
| 14.                     | Tumkur-Davangere<br>(199.7 Km)                                  | 2011-12 | 913    | ...    | 1   | 912    | New work included in the Budget 2011-12. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the works.  |
| <b>GAUGE CONVERSION</b> |   |         |        |        |     |        |   |
| 1.                      | Bangalore-Hubli<br>(533 Km) and<br>Shimoga-Talaguppa<br>(97 Km) | 1992-93 | 679.43 | 641.78 | 15  | 22.65  | Main line project(533 Km) and Shimoga-Anandapuram (57 Km) sections have been commissioned. Anandapuram-Talaguppa (40 Km) is completed and ready for commissioning.  |

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| 2  | Kolar-Chickballapur (96.5 Km)       | 2006-07 | 200 (revised estimate for Rs. 287.99 crore sanctioned)                     | 193.64 | 15 | (-)8.64  | Kolar-Chintamani (47 Km) and Chintamani-Chickballapur (43 Km) are expected to be completed during 2011-12.                                |
|    | <b>DOUBLING</b>                     |         |  |        |    |          |   |
| 1. | Arsikere-Birur (44.28 Km)           | 2007-08 | 149.88 (Detailed estimate has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 161.51 cr.) | 125.43 | 42 | (-)17.55 | Arsikere-Devanur-Ballakere (34 Km) completed and Ballakere-Birur(11Km) is targeted for completion during 2011-12.                         |
| 2. | Yeshwantpur-Yellahanka (12.07 Km)   | 2009-10 | 27.23  | 5.34   | 20 | 1.89     | Land acquisition papers have been submitted to State Authorities.<br><b>Issue-</b> State Government has to expedite handing over of land. |
| 3. | Yellahanka-Chennasandra (12.89 Km)  | 2009-10 | 37.82  | 9.1    | 20 | 8.72     | Tenders have been processed for earthwork.  |
| 4. | Hosadurga Road-Chikjajur (28.89 Km) | 2010-11 | 116  | ...    | 60 | 56       | Final location survey is in progress.   |

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| 5. | Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling (91.5 Km) with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore section | 2007-08 | 342.69<br>(Total sanctioned estimated cost is Rs. 482.7 cr. Which includes State Government's share) | 194.81 | 200 | (-)47.88 | Mysore-Naganahalli (8 Km) has been commissioned. On Ramanagaram-Setthalli (18 Km) section Ramanagaram-Chanapatna (12 Km) has been completed and balance is held up due to land acquisition problems. Setthalli-Mandya (33 Km) and Naganahalli-Mandya ((35 Km) including Cauvery Bridge is in progress and expected to be completed during 2013-14. Land for shifting of Tipu's Armoury is to be provided to Railway |
| 6. | Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Tinaighat-Vasco-da-Gama (352.28 Km)                               | 2010-11 | 2127   | 15.95  | 50  | 2061.05  | This project has been entrusted to RVNL for execution. Loan agreement with Asian Development Bank is being expedited.   |
| 7. | Bangalore Whitefield-Bangalore City-Krishnarajapura m (23.08 Km)                     | 1997-98 | 85   | 0.01   | 1   | 83.99    | This section is a part of circular railway system for Bangalore City for which Government of Karnataka would approach Ministry of Urban Development for requisite approvals and cost sharing.   |
| 8. | Birur-Shivani (28.67 Km)   | 2010-11 | 121.98   | ....   | 60  | 61.98    | Tenders have been processed for earthwork, bridges and station buildings. Birur-Azampur (18 Km) is targeted for completion during 2011-12.  |
| 9. | Raichur-Guntakal (81.1 km)   | 2003-04 | 221.93   | 142.26 | 38  | 41.67    | This project has been entrusted to RVNL for execution. Land acquisition, earthwork, blanketing, bridge works and ballast supply are in progress. Track linking for 24.4 Km out of 91 Km has been completed.   |

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| 10. | Daund-Gulbarga<br>(224 Km) and<br>Pune-Guntakal<br>electrification<br>(641.37 Km) | 2009-10 | 1514.5 | 8.47 | 80    | 1426.03 | This project has been entrusted to RVNL for execution. Loan agreement with Asian Development Bank is being expedited.  |
| 11. | Kankanadi-<br>Panambur<br>(19 Km)   | 2006-07 | 149.2  | 2.64 | 40.02 | 106.54  | Land acquisition and examination of technical issues related to yard works/tunneling/deep cutting are being expedited. |
| 12. | Shivani-<br>Hosadurga<br>(9.98 Km)  | 2011-12 | 33.36  | ...  | 1.25  | 32.11   | Final location survey and preparation of estimate are in progress.   |
| 13. | Tornagallu-<br>Ranjitpura<br>(22.9 Km)  | 2011-12 | 146.75 | ...  | 2.5   | 144.25  | Work is in planning stage.   |

Awarding of tenders is a continuous process spreading over different phases of a project. This information is not readily available in Board Office. As such concerned Construction Deptt. of South Western Railway, South Central Railway and Southern Railway may be approached for the requested information.

3. The information regarding starting of works is not readily available in Board Office. As such concerned Construction Deptt. of South Western Railway, South Central Railway and Southern Railway may be approached for the requested information.

5. Acute constraint of resources/funds, disturbance by local people in tendering process, delay in handing over of the required land by the concerned State Authorities, etc. are causing delay in completion of above ongoing projects.

6. Appellate Authority - Shri Vinay Singh, Executive Director Works, room No. 129, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, Tele- Fax 011-23382102.

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