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32 Central Sector Projects in Karnataka worth Rs.9,262 Crore under Implementation

Shri Oscar Fernandes, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in a press briefing highlighted that 32 **central projects** costing **Rs. 9,262 crore** were under implementation in Karnataka. Sector-wise, these include 14 Railway projects, 11 Road Transport and Highway Projects, 3 Power Projects, 1 Atomic Power Project, 1 Civil Aviation Project, 1 Telecommunication Project and 1 Shipping and Port Project.

5 projects are in advance stage for completion with physical progress over 75%. There are 2 projects ahead of schedule, namely Kaiga Atomic Energy Project (400 KV) Service Station of POWERGRID and Maharashtra Border-Belgaum, Section of GQ. 3 Projects are on schedule, namely 400 KV Transmission System and Nelamangala, Construction of New Runway Works at Mangalore Airport. All highway projects in Karnataka are projected for completion by December, 2005.

Completion of these ongoing projects, would add new capacity of

- q 440 MW Power generation
- q Capacity of the Mangalore Airport will increase to accommodate air buses and wide bodied aeroplanes, international operations and more cargo handling
- q 730 km of new railway line
- q 108 km of railway line doubling
- q 561 km of rail gauge conversion
- q About 417 km of National Highway of 4/6 lanes
- q 500 million tonnes per annum of cargo handling capacity
- q 5 lakh additional telephone lines

These infrastructure projects will have multi-directional effect on the economic development of Karnataka including creation of employment, and development of the industry, etc. The infrastructure projects completed in rail and road transport sectors will improve the carrying capacities for freight traffic and movement of passengers.

There are 7 projects in the Railway Sector which do not have definite completion date. These are attributed mainly due to shortage of funds in the Railway Sector. The disturbing factors presently observed in railways sector include problem of land acquisition in case of Hasan- Bangalore via Shravana-Belgola New Line Project; while those in road transport sector include slow progress due to inadequate mobilization by the contractor in the Chitradurga Bypass and Chitradurga Sira, GQ section of highway on NH- 4. Tumkur Bypass section is also suffering due to delay in forest/land acquisition problem. The construction of General Cargo Berth at Mangalore is making slow progress due to the reluctance on the part of the contractor in taking up the work due to high increase in prices of steel and cement.