

## Take steps for clearance of rail project, says KCCI

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Karnatak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has appealed to the Union government to take steps to get clearance for the long-pending Hubballi-Ankola railway line project by making its case strong before the Supreme Court.

Addressing presspersons along with Joint Honorary Secretary Sunil Rai here on Tuesday, president of KCCI Vasant Ladawa said that it was really sad that the Forest Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Forest and Environment had not considered the project as important from the point of national interest. Mr. Ladawa said it seemed that the committee had made observations against giving clearance for the project without properly considering the report by the T.V. Ramachandra-led committee on environmental impact.

### Assessment

He said that according to an independent assessment made by the KCCI after visits to the project area, out of the 168-km rail route proposed, it would pass through 105-km of high altitude flat terrain, 21.70 km of tunnel, 20 km of plain land and only 23 km of the stretch was covered by a good number of plants and trees.

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