

Government of Odisha has made adequate budget provision for the project despite the State's financial crunch, the shortage of requisite funds from the Government of India is hampering the work progress. A revised estimate of ₹ 2450.90 crore for the five proposed medical colleges has already been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the capital expenditure, equipments and manpower. However, the response of the Ministry is still awaited. Till date, the Government of India has released only ₹ 55 crore in three instalments. If the required funds are not released to the State in time, construction of these five new medical colleges will be delayed leading to continued shortage of doctors in the State.

Therefore, I make a request to the Government that in the interest of the State of Odisha, the remaining Central Government share be released as soon as possible.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri A. Vijayakumar.

**Demand to establish a Divisional Headquarters of Southern Railways in
Tirunelveli to cover Kanyakumari District and take up other
developments in Southern Zone**

SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I want to know by when the broad gauge line will be laid from Maniyachi to Madras, which is having a distance of 350 km.

If the Minister shows real interest for early completion of the BG line from Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli to Madras, he can do it within one year. The Railways is showing very slow progress in this Broad Gauge conversion.

I would also like to point out that an Engine Loco Shed should be set up at Nagercoil. There is no Central Railway Workshop or factory in Kanyakumari district. Therefore, Engine Loco Shed has to be set up in Kanyakumari district. I have to make this special point that Kulithurai has to be provided with all new passenger friendly amenities like escalators, good platforms urgently.

The difference between the facilities provided in the First Class and the Second Class compartments has to be narrowed down. Water facilities, cleanliness and toilet facilities are not adequately provided in Second Class compartments, particularly, in the suburban trains. Even in the First Class compartments in Suburban trains, they are not adequately provided. The compartments are very old and damaged.

The hon. Railway Minister must give all the facilities for Tamil Nadu as per the expectations of our people. Kanyakumari is in the Southern tip of India. So, Kanyakumari Terminal should be developed. We have rightly put a slogan 'Kashmir to

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Kanyakumari- India is One'. In order to make this slogan a reality, please develop the city of Kanyakumari with a view to enhancing integration and developmental activity.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The House stands adjourned till 11.00 a.m. on Friday, the 22nd July, 2016.

*The House then adjourned at forty-one minutes past
eight of the clock till eleven of the clock on
Friday, the 22nd July, 2016.*