

Demand for new Railway Line from Puducherry to Bengaluru via Jolarpet, Krishnagiri and Hosur

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Railway Ministry to a new railway line project which has been pending for implementation for a long time in Tamil Nadu. The pending railway line project is from Puducherry to Bengaluru through Jolarpet, Krishnagiri and Hosur, which is connecting two States and one Union Territory of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry. Several thousand people suffer everyday for want of a direct line between Puducherry and Bengaluru. An announcement about this new railway line was made but it did not move forward. Now, it is learnt that the survey had been done and the DPR had also been prepared, but so far this project has not seen the light of the day. Sir, you know very well that Puducherry houses the world famous Aurobindo Ashram and JIPMER which are of national importance, apart from it being a tourist destination. It is needless to say that Bengaluru is one of the fastest-growing metros in India, contributing nearly 40 per cent of India's total IT export. Krishnagiri-Hosur is entirely an industrial belt and these places host a lot of heavy industries, MSMEs, etc. Hon. Prime Minister also announced Hosur after Krishnagiri as a defence corridor. If the new line is established from Puducherry to Bengaluru via Jolarpet, Krishnagiri and Hosur, it will not only help the commuters but will also generate a lot of revenue to the Railway Department. At least, in the beginning, the project can be first initiated from Jolarpet via Krishnagiri and Hosur to connect Bengaluru. That is very important. I request the hon. Finance Minister, through you, to implement the project and help the people of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Bengaluru. Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Zero Hour matter raised by the hon. Member, Dr. M. Thambidurrai: Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. Santanu Sen (West Bengal), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Amar Patnaik (Odisha) and Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha).

Concern over non-payment of adequate compensation for land acquisitions made by Indian Railways

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