

**Request for prioritization and funding of the Itarsi-Tuticorin
Railway Corridor Scheme**

SHRI N. CHANDRASEGHARAN (Tamil Nadu): Hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways the need for a separate railway corridor to transport manufacturing goods and raw materials from Itarsi in Madhya Pradesh to Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu *via* Vijayawada. The scheme was announced by the former Railway Minister, Shri Lalu Prasad, on the floor of Parliament. Along with this, two other schemes were also announced and completed with the help of the World Bank and the Bank of Japan. However, the corridor from Itarsi to Vijayawada, which should extend up to Tuticorin, has not yet been started. Tamil Nadu is a major manufacturing State and including the scheme in the Budget would greatly benefit its industrial development. This scheme has been assured. I do not understand why it is being delayed. Our former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the present State Assembly Opposition Leader, hon. Edapaddi Palaniswami, has also consistently urged the Central Government to extend this scheme. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Railways to line up this scheme, allocate sufficient funds, expedite its implementation and support the industrial development of Tamil Nadu. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on the funding of the Itarsi-Tuticorin Railway Corridor scheme. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Zero Hour matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri N. Chandrasegharan: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Shri S. Selvaganabathy (Puducherry).

**Demand to design new electrical grids and sufficient charging points
for electrical vehicles**

SHRIMATI SUDHA MURTY (NOMINATED): Sir, I thank you for giving me a chance to speak. There is a saying, शुभास्ते पन्थानः सन्तु। It means, 'Oh traveler, when you are traveling, everything should go well'. With beautiful roads from the Department of Transport under Mr. Nitin Gadkari, we are all enjoying the great network of India. But there is a small problem in that. He himself said that 40 per cent of pollution comes from road transportation. So, this is time for us that we thought about pollution and ways to reduce it. There are many ways to reduce it, but I want to take one way, which is known as electrical vehicles. We call it EV in general. When you have electric