

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to execute timely laying of Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai and Tindivanam-Nagari railway line and to redress the grievances of farmers and shortage of Bank Branches in Arani Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD (ARANI): I come from Arani Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu. In my Parliamentary Constituency two new railway lines, namely Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai and Tindivanam-Nagari, were proposed in the year 2009 but till now the work has been stalled as far as the proposed Tiruvannamalai to Tindivanam railway line is concerned. I do not know why. A question was raised and it was said that land acquisition was the problem. It has again been activated. I urge upon the Union Government, through you, Sir, to expedite the process to lay these railway lines immediately for the public use.

Most importantly, in my Arani Parliamentary Constituency there are three villages, namely, Manjarabad in Polur, Peranamallur and Savalambari, that is in Vandavasi. These places are rich in population but there are no banks in and around that area. People have to walk around five kilometres or go by road transport. I had represented this case to the hon. Finance Minister and had requested him to get a new bank branch opened in that area or at least a single-manned bank branch in these three places.

Last but not least, Tamil Nadu has seen the worst ever rainfall in the history. Our poor farmers have toiled for so many months and

finally their crops have been severely damaged. So, I would request the Union Government to release minimum Rs.25,000 per acre for crop loss to the agriculturists so that their lives can be saved.

Thank you very much.