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Title: Regarding early commissioning of Pudukottai-Thanjavur via Gandarvakottai new railway line-Laid.

**SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI):** The Survey for Pudukottai -- Thanjavur *Via*. Gandarvakottai New Railway Line Project (65 Kms.) was sanctioned in 2012-2013. However, no progress has been made in this respect so far.

Pudukottai, a district headquarters, in Tamil Nadu is having a number of educational institutions and places of historical importance. Various Central / State Government offices, PSUs are functioning and families of Ex. Servicemen are also settled here. However, Pudukottai is having only limited train facilities and with the result, people are facing a lot of difficulties. If this proposed project is implemented, it will further promote industrialization and tourism.

As this project is a long pending demand of the people of this region, I humbly urge upon Hon'ble Minister of Railways to take necessary steps for early commissioning of Pudukottai — Thanjavur *Via*. Gandarvakottai New Railway Line project by allocating adequate funds without delay.