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**Title: Regarding Financing pending portion of Railway Line between Sathupally and Devarapalli**

**KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU):** I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Railways towards the fact that the long pending railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kovvur under the jurisdiction of the South-Central Railway sanctioned in 2012, has only been partly completed. After bifurcation, the newly formed State of Andhra Pradesh was required to contribute 50% of the project cost. But due to bifurcation, Andhra Pradesh has been facing the problem of a deficit in revenues.

Completion of the pending portion between Sathupally and Devarapalli, would bring down the distance travelled between major cities such as Vizag-Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar-Bangalore, which would be economically beneficial to multiple States and also the Indian Railways. As the railway line passes through an area affected by Left Wing Extremism with 4 SC and 2 ST segments, it would be appropriate for the Union Government to fund the project in the interest of the whole country.

In this regard, I request the Union Government and Hon'ble Minister of Railways to support Andhra Pradesh by financing the pending portion of the railway line between Sathupally and Devarapalli and facilitate the completion of the project at the earliest.