

Regarding train stoppages at Polur and Arani

SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M. S. (ARANI): Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam.

Dindivanam-Nagari railway route was brought during the rule of the UPA Government in the year 2010. As much as Rs. 600 crore was allocated for this rail project. Even the land was acquired on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. This scheme was implemented with an allocation of Rs.198 crore for land acquisition. Land was also acquired. But this project has been kept in abeyance for the last 14 years. Almost six or seven rail over bridges have been constructed and only 70 per cent of the work is completed. Since the railway project has not been completed, train services could not be started. People of this area, who have given their farm lands for this rail project, are in a dilemma as to when this project will be completed. As they had given their farm lands for this rail project, their farming was also affected. It is like believing some more goods to happen and losing even whatever was in hand. Those who had given their farm lands are still waiting for this rail project to be commissioned. The Union Government should come forward to understand their problems. Bamini Express train and several other trains pass through Arani from Rameshwaram to Tirupati and from Mannargudi to Tirupati. Arani is known for silk weaving industry and rice production. Polur is one of the important areas of my constituency. I therefore request that all these trains stated by me should have stoppages at Polur and Arani. King Raja Desingh ruled the area called as Gingee Fort. There are two forts namely the Raja fort and the Rani fort. These forts are under the administration of the Archaeological Survey of India. I urge that a rope car facility should be provided for the benefit of tourists from India and abroad visiting this Gingee Fort and to make it a most sought-after tourist destination with its historical importance. Thank you.