

**Regarding need for execution of Dindigul-Lowercamp (Kumily) Broad-gauge Rail Route Project in Theni Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu-Laid**

**SHRI TAMILSELVAN THANGA (THENI):** I wish to raise a very important issue of 50 years long-pending dream scheme pertaining to my Theni Parliamentary constituency. The first one is Dindigul -Lowercamp (Kumily) broad-gauge route is only 134 Kms with the estimated budget of Rs. 2000/-crore which is easy to execute and profitable for both railways and public. By executing this route around 10 lakhs people from 03 Districts viz., Theni, Dindigul and Iduki districts will be benefitted. Secondly, Lowercamp (Kumily)-Sabarimala Route is 70 kms only, but hard to execute because this route covers with wild life sanctuary, Mullaiperiyar Dam, hilly and forest area. If implemented this route, pilgrims from various parts of the country will be benefitted and their time will be saved to reach Sabarimala temple located in Kerala and the railway department will also earn lot of profit. This route is a shortest route to reach Sabarimala temple from Lowercamp (Kumily). In view of the above, I urge upon the Ministry of Railways to execute this Dindigul Lowercamp (Kumily) scheme first and then can be extended to Sabarimala from Lowercamp (Kumily) which is good for public and easy for railway department to executive it.