

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:106
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
RAILWAY PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY TAMIL NADU
P.D. ELANGO VAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway projects submitted by the Government of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (b) the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) the approximate funds required for the implementation of these projects; and
- (d) the details of the representations received from the peoples representatives from Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.106 BY SHRI P.D.ELANGO VAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.2.2000 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY TAMILNADU

(a) to (c): Details of rail projects received from Government of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, their approximate cost, and the action taken on these are given below:-

S.No	Project	Approximate cost and the action taken
1	Madurai-Rameshwaram (Gauge conversion)	Work has been sanctioned in the Railway Budget 1997-98. Earth work and Bridges have been taken up. Approximate cost of the project is Rs. 240 crores.
2	Virudunagar - Tenkasi - Quilon Tirunelveli- Tiruchendur (Gauge conversion)	Work has been sanctioned in the Railway Budget 1997-98. Preliminary arrangements are being made for starting the work. Approximate cost of the project is Rs. 280 crores.
3	Villupuram- Thanjavur (Gauge conversion)	Work has been included in the Railway Budget 1998-99 subject to clearances. The work will be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained. Approximate cost of the project is Rs. 223 crores.
4	Salem-Cuddalore (Gauge conversion)	Work has been included in the Railway Budget 1999-2000 subject to clearances. The work will be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained. Approximate cost of the project is Rs. 198.68 crores.

5 Extension of Mass A feasibility study has been
Rapid Transit System undertaken by RITES on behalf
Phase-II presently of Government of Tamil Nadu.
under execution Cost will be known after the
between Tirumayilai study has been completed.
and Valachery upto
St. Thomas Mount.

(d): While formulating proposals for Railway projects, an integrated view of the system requirements is taken with a national perspective. Geographical boundaries of states, per se, do not form a criterion for taking investment decisions, especially when a number of railway projects span across more than one state. However, the details of proposals received from the people's representatives in the recent past and the action taken on them are given below:

1 Kanchipuram-Tindivanam It is not considered necessary to
New Line take up this project at this stage.

2 Plani-Satyamangalam New It is not considered necessary to
Line take up this project at this stage.

3 Gauge Conversion of Both the projects have been
Tirupati-Katpadi sanctioned .

4 Thanjavure-Nagore Gauge This is a sanctioned work and will
Conversion be progressed as per the
availability of resources.

5 Doubling of Chennai- It is not considered necessary to
Kanniyakumari take up this project at this stage.