

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:469
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
PROPOSALS FROM TAMIL NADU
V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for introduction of trains and laying down the new rail lines in Tamil Nadu have been received by the Government during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals out of them found feasible; and
- (c) the present position of those proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTRAYA)

(a) Indian Railways do not introduce train state wise. Seventeen pairs of trains serving the passengers of Tamil Nadu have been introduced during last three years. Position regarding proposals received for construction of new rail line in Tamil Nadu is given in the statement attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No. 469 by Shri V. Vetriselvan to be answered in Lok Sabha on 20.02.2003 regarding proposals from Tamil Nadu.

Some of the proposals received from State Government of Tamil Nadu for construction of new lines in the last three years with their present position is as under:

Sl.No.	Proposal	Status
1	Rail link between Avadi & Sriperumbudur	Survey has been completed. As per the survey report, the cost of the line was assessed as Rs. 52.20 Cr at 2001-2002 price level with a return of 8.275%. Link will be financially viable if state government or stakeholders share cost.
2	New line between Tindivanam-Cuddalore via Pondicherry	A survey is in progress.
3	Chennai to Sriperumbudur via Irungattukottai.	No survey has been taken up in view of heavy throw-forward of ongoing works.