

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:410
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CONSTRUCTION OF BROAD GAUGE LINE BETWEEN MADURAI-CHEENAI
MOHAN PONNUSWAMY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of laying of parallel broad gauge rail line between Madurai-Cheenai;
- (b) whether sufficient funds have been allocated for the completion of this work;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are aware of the fact that there exists a terrible traffic density between Madurai, and Dindigul; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ease the traffic density on this sector?

Answer

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

- (a): On Cheenai-Madurai section, the work on conversion of meter gauge line between Chennai and Chengapattu is in progress which, on completion, will provide double broad gauge line from Cheenai to Chengalpattu.
- (b): The funds are being allocated to the ongoing work as per the requirement keeping in view the availability of resources.
- (c): Madurai-Dindigur section is over saturated from traffic considerations.
- (d): Line capacity works on the section have been taken Up.