

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2567
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RESTARTING OF RAIL LINES IN TAMIL NADU
V. VETRISLVAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received a number of requests/representations for restarting the certain railways lines which have been closed down some years ago in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of representation/requests received in this regard during the last three years; and
- (c) the response of the Railways on those requests/representations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b) : No lines in the State of Tamil Nadu have been closed in the recent past and also no representation from the State Government has been received for restoration of Railway line in the last three years. However, representations have been received for restoration of Krishnagiri-Tirupattur and Pamban-Dhanushkodi lines which had been dismantled long back.

(c): The survey for restoration of Pamban-Dhanushkodi has been taken up to assess the need of the line. The other line has not been considered feasible in view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources being faced by the Railways.