

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL PROJECTS IN CHENNAI-EGMORE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many projects such as Chennai Egmore–Chennai Central link and shifting of VM–VKM–MG section of VM–KPD section to LC No.13 on Chord Line are pending for approval since long;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for pendency; and
- (c) the steps, the Government proposes to take to clear these projects ?

Answer

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

(a) The project of Chennai Egmore–Chennai Central Rail Link has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.90.44 crore (approximately) as a material modification to the suburban Gauge conversion project of Chennai Beach-Tambaram–Chengalpattu section. Regarding shifting of Villupuram–Venkatesapuram meter gauge section of Villupuram–Katpadi section to Level Crossing (LC) No.13 on Chord Line, it is stated that the proposal is only a straight conversion of Villupuram–Katpadi in the same alignment without any shifting.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.