

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:389

ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005

PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS OF TAMIL NADU

Chitthan Shri N.S.V.;Sippiparai Shri A. Ravichandran

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Tamil Nadu for gauge conversion of Virudhunagar-Manamadurai via Aruppukottai rail line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has also received requests from the Government of Tamil Nadu to clear the pending railway projects;
- (e) if so, the details of projects cleared so far; and
- (f) the funds allocated for various major works executed during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 389 BY S/SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI AND N.S.V. CHITTHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2005 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS OF TAMIL NADU

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, based on the demands raised by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament from Tamil Nadu, necessary action has already been initiated to obtain requisite clearances to take up gauge conversion of Virudhunagar-Manamadurai via Aruppukottai MG line.

(d) & (e): Pending projects are considered as those projects which have been included in the budget but clearances are awaited. No such project is pending in Tamil Nadu. However, 04 new line, 07 gauge conversion, 14 doubling and 01 electrification projects are in progress in Southern Railway. These projects are in various stages of progress and are being progressed as per availability of resources.

(f): Expenditure of Rs. 27.09 crore, Rs. 518.47 crore and Rs. 72.24 crore has been incurred during last 03 years on new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects respectively falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu.