

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4066
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RAILWAY LINK BETWEEN TUTICORIN PORT AND MADURAI
Sippiparai Shri A. Ravichandran

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any proposal to connect Tuticorin Port to Madurai via Aruppukottai by rail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Railways thereon ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Request have been received for new line from Madurai to Tuticorin via Aruppukkottai. A survey for new line from Madurai to Tuticorin Port via Aruppukkottai was completed during 2002-03 as per which the cost of this 144 kms. long line was assessed as Rs. 314.40 crore with negative rate of return. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, the proposal could not be considered.