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**Title: Need to reconsider the demand for construction of a new railway line between Jollarpetti and Hosur via Krishnagiri.**

**SHRI V. VETRISELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI):** Sir, A demand for new railway line between Jolarpetti to Hosur via Krishnagiri is pending with the Central Government for a very long period. Before independence, there was a railway line upto Krishnagiri but it has been abandoned. A survey in this regard was conducted in the year 2000 and the report was submitted to the Board by the end of December, 2000. But Sir, the correct position of need and importance was not mentioned in the survey report and that is why the project was not found feasible and the proposal for creating railway line between Jolarpetti to Hosur has been turned down. But actually, Sir, people of Krishnagiri and Bargur and other villages need this railway line very much because Krishnagiri is surrounded by two States, namely, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and the people of Krishnagiri who are doing business in textile, granite, grains, mangoes, coconut, paddy, etc., go to northern and southern parts of the country. In the absence of railway facility in between the above-mentioned places, people are forced to go to Jolarpetti after travelling a long distance to get the railway facilities for transportation. In this way, they are losing extra time and money.

Therefore, I request the hon. Minister to have a fresh look on the demand and order a fresh survey for creating this railway line.