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Title : Need to expedite completion of survey work of Kochi-Madurai railway line.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I request the immediate attention of the Government towards the early completion of survey works of Kochi-Madurai railway line. This line will provide good connectivity from Kerala to Tamil Nadu and will benefit lakhs of people. It will also help for transportation of goods from International Container Terminal, Vallarpadam to Tuticorin. Trade between Kerala and Tamil Nadu will increase manifolds by the completion of this line. Presently tons of perishable goods like vegetables are being transported by road every day. The completion of this line will be a blessing to the tourism sector also. It will be the shortest route from Kerala to Madurai connecting famous tourist places and pilgrim centres. I request the government to take necessary steps and allocate sufficient funds for the early completion of survey of the line.