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Title: Need to start work on doubling and electrification of railway line between Guntur-Tenali-Repalle, Pagdipalli-Nalgonda-Nallapadu and electrification of Guntur-Guntakal railway line under South Central Railway.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the number of railway projects concerning my State, Andhra Pradesh which are pending for a long time, particularly in South Central Railway (SCR).

I would like to quote a few examples, doubling and electrification between Guntur-Tenali-Repalle which has been pending in spite of the fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has agreed to spend 50% of the cost of the project. In the previous Railway Budget, the hon'ble Minister has stated that the project of doubling and electrification between Pagidipalli (Bibinagar)-Nalgonda-Nallapadu has been sent to the Planning Commission for approval and that resurvey is taking place. But no improvement has taken place in spite of the fact that the General Manager of SCR has accepted the fact that utilization of this line is more than 120% in 2007 itself. We are in 2010 and yet nothing has happened on this front. Likewise, electrification of Guntur-Guntakal line, which is considered to be the oldest in line connecting Bay of Bengal at Machilipatnam to Arabian Sea (Goa), is also pending. This all important line has been converted to broad gauge and it connects many industrial and tourist spots of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for Railways to seriously consider the above three projects and order for implementation immediately in the current year itself as they not only directly help the people of Andhra Pradesh but it will generate the revenue of railways also.