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Title: Need to sanction the Jolarpet-Tirupathur-Kandili-Barugur-Orappam-Salugiri-Krishnagiri-Hosur new rail line in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM (KRISHNAGIRI): The People of Krishnagiri district are isolated from the mainstream rail connectivity. The rail link between Jolarpet and Hosur remains a distant dream. Keeping this in mind, since 2004, I have been demanding for this new railway line and also raised the matter time and again in Lok Sabha and other foras. Considering the importance, it was decided to conduct a resurvey for this new railway line and I was assured that this project would be taken up immediately at an estimated cost of Rs. 226 crore so as to provide rail link from Jolarpet-Tirupathur-Kandili-Barugur-Orappam-Sulagiri-Krishnagiri-Hosur.

The proposed railway line between Jolarpet and Hosur will pave way for further improvement of Industrial growth in Hosur and its surrounding areas. This line will connect both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka States. Presently, majority of the products meant for exports are mainly airlifted or sent through road only. Absence of a rail link in this route has been an impediment to the district's industrial growth.

I shall, therefore, request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to kindly sanction the Jolarpet-Tirupathur-Kandili-Barugur-Orappam-Sulagiri-Krishnagiri-Hosur New Rail link at the earliest.