

>

Title: Need to convert the single railway line from Madurai to Kanyakumari to double line.

**SHRI MANICKA TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR):** Madurai is the very important tourist destination in India and situated near the central place in Tamil Nadu. This city is called Temple City, so people from India and abroad visit the city throughout the year. In Madurai, lot of Central Government offices, State Government offices and many educational institutions are located. Officegoers, school and college students are commuting daily from the nearby/adjacent cities to Madurai by trains and bus. Besides, Kanyakumari is also a very important tourist destination in India. Many tourists from India and abroad visit this place throughout year. Those who visit Madurai proceed to Kanyakumari by train and vice versa. All the trains originating from Kanyakumari, and Tuticorin to Chennai, Thanjavur, Dindigul, Coimbatore are passing through the single line via Madurai city which leads to traffic/line signal problem, so the trains are not able to reach the destination in time.

At present, Madurai to Kanyakumari railway line is a single line and being a single line it is very difficult to run the passenger, express and goods trains in the same line. So, this single line may be converted in double line from Madurai to Kanyakumari for the convenience of operation of more trains and goods trains. Hence, I urge upon the Government, Hon'ble Railway Minister to take necessary action at the earliest.