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Title: Need to start a new railway line between Madurai and Sengottai via Peraiyur, Vathirayiruppu, Sundarapandiyapuram, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Seththur, Sivagiri, Puliyangudi town Panchayat, Idaikal and Tenkasi in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. LINGAM (TENKASI): Southern Railway is one of the profit earning Divisions of Indian Railways. In the Southern Railway, Madurai Division occupies a special place in serving the general public. After the railway lines were changed to broad gauge, many of the railway routes that existed before the change, were not operated. One such route was between Virudhunagar and Sengottai. People of this area are much affected because of the discontinuation of rail services. It is a densely populated area and many important towns are located around. Also many towns are without rail connectivity. A new rail link between Madurai and Sengottai via Peraiyur, Vathirayiruppu, Sundarapandiyapuram, Srivilliputhur, Rajapalayam, Seithur, Sivagiri, Puliyangudi Town Municipality (which is without a railway station), Idaikal and Tenkasi, spread over a length of 200 kilometers, is the need of the hour and it should become operational as soon as possible.

I urge upon the Railway Ministry to take necessary action in this regard in order to make a new railway line operational between Madurai and Sengottai at the earliest.

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