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Title: Need to re-lay a new railway line between Morappur and Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): The construction of the proposed railway line between Morappur - Dharmapuri comes under my parliamentary constituency. This proposed rail line is 36 kms. long and the cost of the project is Rs. 146 crores. This is a long pending demand of the people living in my constituency. If this project is implemented, people from two districts namely Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri and surrounding towns will be benefited. This would also generate a lot of resources for the Railways as this route is highly economically viable because of its geographical location and connecting places of importance. If this rail line is laid again, two neighbouring States namely Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka will also be benefitted as this will help easy movement of freight and passengers.

In this connection, I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Govt. that rail services existed on this sector but the same was discontinued years ago. The land is still with the railways and therefore no land acquisition is involved. We need to lay only the track.

Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to take up this project in the ensuing railway budget under 100% budgetary provisions, so that more than 20 lakh people get benefited and in the process the railways also stand benefited by way of earning revenue.