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Title: Need to expedite construction of 4th railway line between Thiruvotriyur and Wimco Nagar in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH BABU (CHENNAI NORTH): Over the years, there has been heavy traffic congestion between Chennai Beach – Gummudipoondi railway section. To ease the traffic congestion, a third line in this corridor has been commissioned between Korukkupet and Attipattu stations (15 kms.). This section is used by several passenger/mail/express trains going towards the northern and eastern parts of the country as well as suburban and freight trains that cater to the heavily industrialized North Chennai.

As far as the construction of the 4th line in this stretch is concerned, it has almost been completed but there are certain bottlenecks between Thiruvotriyur and Wimco Nagar stations which has delayed the project. Presently, every day, the trains on this section face a minimum delay of 15 minutes to half-an-hour because of congestion. The commissioning of this 4th line will result in speeding up of suburban trains in this section and will improve punctuality. The Southern Railway will also be able to increase the frequency of services on the route if this project is completed.

Further, the quadrupling of this section between Chennai Beach and Attipattu has to be urgently extended upto Gummudipoondi and the now existing double line track has to be declared as Dedicated Corridor for suburban EMU services, given that Ponneri lying in between is to be converted into a Smart City. The devised plan of adding 30 more EMU rakes to the already existing 473 EMU rakes, running in Chennai city alone can be utilized for running more trains on this section where the train services are very poor.

Keeping in view of above, I humbly urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to take necessary steps for early completion of the 4th line between Thiruvotriyur and Wimco Nagar.