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Title: Demand for a new broad gauge line between Thanjavur to Pattukottai and Pattukottai to Mannargudi in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I express my sincere thanks on behalf of people of Thanjavur constituency for considering the long pending demand for a new broad gauge line between Thanjavur to Pattukottai and Pattukottai to Mannargudi. They have recently been granted by the Government. There is also a fiscal allocation for these projects in the current Railway Budget 2015-16.

A new broad gauge line from Thanjavur to Pattukottai was announced 60 years ago. Nearly 20 lakh people are traveling through railways for their day-to-day activities like education, medical, agriculture etc. I would request the Government to expedite the work of this new broad gauge railway line from Thanjavur to Pattukottai.

As far as the Pattukottai to Mannargudi railway line is concerned, tender work for construction of rail over bridges, on this line, has been delayed and there is no development or progress at present. They need to be completed immediately on an urgent basis for the benefit of our 20 lakh people.

Therefore, I request the Government to speed up the execution of railway line Thanjavur to Pattukottai on a priority basis.