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Title: Need for doubling of railway line between Erode and Trichy in Tamil Nadu and to provide more number of passenger trains on this route.

SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA CHINNAIYAN (ERODE): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, the railway line between Erode and Trichy is part of the ancient railway system in our country. Right from the days of the Britishers, this line has been in operation linking the South with the North. Even today, the biggest goods yard in the South shifted from Trichy is in Erode now. This line also links many pilgrim places on its way. This has caused lot of congestion. Unfortunately, it comes in the way of running more trains and increasing the speed of popular express trains on this route. For instance, Ernakulam Express, West Coast Express and Mysore Express trains have to be operated like passenger trains between Erode and Trichy for want of additional tracks in most of the railway stations on the way. To increase the operational efficiency and to run still more profitable trains on this route, the doubling of track on this section is necessary. I urge upon the Minister of Railway to look into the urgent need to take up this project at the earliest.