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Title: Need to lay new railway lines from Tindivanum to Tirunnamalai and from Tindivanum to Nagari in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): Thank you hon. Speaker Madam. Our beloved leader, hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has written to the hon. Prime Minister to expedite the long pending Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu. The important railway lines, Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai (70 kilometres) and Tindivanam-Nagari (179 kilometres) are the long pending demands of the people of Tamil Nadu. The construction was started four years ago and still it is nowhere near completion. These projects have been included in the last year's Railway Budget too without any definite date for completion and I am sure they will be included in this year's Budget also. It may be recalled that these two lines were provided with budgetary provision of Rs. 227.40 crore and Rs. 587 crore respectively four years ago. In the last four years very less money has been spent and the progress going at a snail's pace. As there is no deadline fixed for the completion of the projects, no serious efforts were taken to complete the two important lines. A series of demands made by me as a Member of Parliament on the Floor of the House have not been taken seriously so far.

Hence, I once again urge upon the Union Government to expedite the works and facilitate the speedy completion of these two important railway lines.

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