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Title: Need for reconstruction and reopening of closed railway station at Asakalathur (Eyyanur), Sarvoy and Kattukottai in Kallakurichi parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

DR. K. KAMRAJ (KALLAKURICHI) : Asakalathur (Eyyaur), Sarvoy and Kattukottai railway stations are situated in the Cuddalore to Salem meter gauge railway line of Southern Railway. The said railway line was laid during the British rule and the above three railway stations were functioning from the early 20th century till 2007. The railways converted the cuddalaore-Salem meter gauge line into broad gauge in the year 2007. At the time of gauge conversion, railways closed these three railway stations. The Railway have not reconstructed and reopened these three railway stations till now. Due to non-reopening of these-railways stations, the people who are living in and around the surrounding villages are facing lot of hardships. The people have been demanding for the reconstruction and reopening of the said railway stations. The above villages do not have sufficient revenue and are not able to contribute the fund under "Sharmadhan Scheme" as requested by the railways. Hence, I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to take expeditious steps to reconstruct and reopen the Asakalathur (Eyyanur), Sarvoy and Kattukottai railway stations presently defunct without insisting funds under the "Shramadhan Scheme".