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Title: Need to accord permission to conduct a survey for new railway line from Thalassery to Mysore.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has submitted the feasibility report regarding Thalassery-Mysore Railway line passing through Kerala. As per the report, the total length of the line is 206.5 Km, of which 118.1 Km passes through Kerala. Union Ministry of Railway had issued in principle approval to the detailed survey in the forest areas in the state of Kerala and Karnataka to be done by Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd, a joint venture with Government of Kerala and Union Ministry of Railways.

A length of 57.04 km of the proposed railway alignment is passing through forests of Kerala coming under the categories of Reserved Forest, vested forest and Wildlife sanctuaries.

In these circumstance as the line passes through Reserved Forest, the Government of India's permission is necessary for conducting survey. Hence the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is requested to issue permission for conducting survey in that area.