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Title: Need for new railway line from Thalassery to Mysore via Manathavady -laid.

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (VADAKARA): I would like to raise a matter regarding the project proposal for new Railway Line from Thalassery to Mysore via Manathavady. During the British period itself, there was a proposal to make Thalassery, a railway junction to connect Mysore and thereby extending the railway line to Bengaluru. Due to the outbreak of Second World War and the Independence Struggle against British rule, the Britishers dropped the proposal. The first Railway Minister of Independent India visited Thalassery during those days and travelled up to Mysore by road and declared that new railway line would be laid from Thalassery to Mysore. Unfortunately, that proposal and declarations could not be materialized. However, the new alignment from Thalassery to Mysore via Manathavady - Kenichera, Pullppally, Sargur, HD Kotta Kadakola to Mysore is not affecting environment. It will go through side of Kabani river under a tunnel stretching to 11.5 km. The rail network will not disturb any of the protected places. I, therefore, request the Railway Minister to lay the new rail line from Thalassery to Mysore via Manathavady.