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Title: Regarding laying of railway line connecting Ariyalur-Perambalur-Thuraiyur and Namakkal in Tamil Nadu.

DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR (PERAMBALUR): Hon. Speaker, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak during 'Zero Hour' on a matter relating to my constituency. I am also one amongst the first-time speakers; I am a first-time MP. I have been elected from Perambalur Parliamentary constituency. It is one of the backward constituencies where 70 per cent of the people are engaged in agriculture. It is unfortunate that they cannot sell their produce anywhere except in the local areas, due to which we are unnecessarily encouraging middle men or brokers. So, the poor are becoming much poorer. Therefore, I would request the Government, through you, that we badly need a railway line which will connect four nearby districts. The produce of the farmers will be taken to those four nearby districts. Of course, they can sell their produce there at a better price, at a fair price and thereby they can improve their standard of living.

Secondly, there is no industry in my area, and so, there is no industry, so, there is no employment. When there is no employment, educated youths remain unemployed and they become restless.

Therefore, if these four places, namely, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Thuraiyur and Namakkal are linked by train, there will be a better development in my Constituency by which we can eradicate the problem of unemployment.

Further, I would also request the Minister to improve the standard of life of the farmers. This is very important. This proposal for the railway line is pending for the last 50 years. After 72 years of Independence of our country, this is the only area where people have not seen the Indian Railways. This is the situation there. At one point of time, there was a survey of land at the cost of Rs. 16.5 lakh. But nothing has happened. So, I urge the Government to take action in this respect.

श्री वीरेन्द्र सिंह (बलिया): अध्यक्ष जी, मेरी आपसे प्रार्थना है कि किसानों की समस्या पर सदन में एक व्यापक चर्चा कराने की अनुमति दें।

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य, आप लिखकर दे दीजिए।

श्री अर्जुन लाल मीणा ।

श्री अर्जुन लाल मीणा (उदयपुर): महोदय, मैं राजस्थान के उदयपुर क्षेत्र से आता हूँ।

माननीय अध्यक्ष: माननीय सदस्य को इसलिए दूसरी बार बोलना पड़ रहा है, क्योंकि एक बार माननीय सदस्य रहने के बाद भी हम आपस में 542 सदस्यों को जानते नहीं हैं। मैं उनमें से एक हूँ। अब इस सदन में कोशिश करेंगे कि सभी 542 माननीय सदस्य आपस में परिवार को जानें, व्यक्तिगत रूप से जानें, इसकी एक व्यापक कार्ययोजना बनाएंगे। मैं भी उनमें से एक हूँ।