

Re: Erode (Ingur)- Palani new broad-gauge (BG) line

SHRI A GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE): The Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey was ordered for the Erode (Ingur)-Palani new BG line via Chennimalal, Kangeyam, Dharapuram, in the Railway Budget 2005-2006. However, in the year 2007, priority was not given to this project and the whole survey was shelved in the guise of unremunerative line. Now, whether it is remunerative. Is there any survey made about it.

It is an about 100 km. new line en-route connecting famous temple town Palani. In the earlier survey line, one solar plant has come up and other infrastructure projects and plants have come up. Now, whether it is remunerative?

I am glad that in this year's budget Rs. 50 crore is allotted for the survey of this new BG line. However, the Ministry of Railways should clarify that whether there will be some change in the alignment of the proposed BG line, since lot of projects have come in the earlier survey line and it would affect the existing industrial development.