

**Request to Railway Minister regarding small diversion on the upcoming Rail Line Project from Morappur to Dharmapuri.**

**DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI):** Vanakkam, Chairperson Sir.

I would like to speak regarding a new railway line, which is a 75-year-long demand for the people of my constituency, Dharmapuri. It is about the connectivity between Morappur and Dharmapuri which gives connectivity to Chennai. I would like to thank the Union Railway Minister for having allocated Rs. 100 crore and starting the railway network programme. Now, there is land compensation and acquisition work going on but there is a small problem at two places where land acquisition is going on. One is Mookanur where a marginalised society is living. There are around 300 families over there who are saying that their houses and agricultural land will be taken over once the railway project comes up there.

Mr. Chairperson Sir, through you, I request the Railway Minister to have a small diversion of 500 meters and have another line by saving the families and the agricultural land of that marginalised society of Mookanur. Also, Reddihalli is another dominant society of people living over there. There also we need a small diversion which we have already represented to the Railway Board and the GM of Southern Railway. We would also like to have the Minister's intervention in it so that the smooth functioning of the Railway comes into place which will have a connectivity to Chennai. Thank you, Sir.