

## **Regarding allocation of funds and restarting of Angamali-Erumali-Sabari New Railway Line project-laid**

**SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY):** Railways had allotted Rs. 100 Crores in the current year's Budget for Sabari Railway line project, connecting Angamali to Erumeli, the gateway to the famous Sabarimala temple. However, since the project is yet to be de-frozen it is feared that this allocation will lapse without proper utilization. While there has been a new proposal for a feeder line from Chengannur to Pamba which will definitely not be an alternative to the Angamaly Erumeli line. This line will also put Thodupuzha, big commercial center having more the 50,000 population and Idukki district into rail map. This will also be a big boon especially for the development of Idukki district.

Considering these aspects, I urge upon the Government to provide the allocated amount of Rs. 100 crore in last Union Budget to Angamali - Erumeli Sabari new line project and to kindly give orders for re-starting the works for the above project.