

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

EXTENSION OF RAIL ROUTE FROM KODAI ROAD TO THENI

266. MR. TAMILSELVAN THANGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct a new rail route from Kodai Road to Theni in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed alignment, estimated cost and timeline for completion;**
- (c) if not, the reasons for not considering this strategically important route which can enhance regional connectivity, support economic growth, facilitate easier transportation for resident and promote tourism in the region;**
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study for this rail route; and**
- (e) if so, the details of the key findings of the study and the steps taken by the Government based on those findings?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 266 BY MR. TAMILSELVAN THANGA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAIL ROUTE FROM KODAI ROAD TO THENI

(a) to (e): Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, Railway's own operational and commercial requirement, techno-economic feasibility, terrain, obligatory points, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throw forward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds which is a continuous and ongoing process.

Kodaikanal has been connected with Theni via Madurai Jn. in 2022-23 after completion of Gauge Conversion of Madurai-Bodinayakkanur (90.41 Km) section.
