

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:311  
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001  
DOUBLING OF SALEM-BANGALORE RAILWAY LINE  
P.D. ELANGO VAN

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have received any request for the doubling of the Salem-Bangalore Railway line through Dharmapuri and Hosur Railway Stations;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the doubling of the same;
- (c) whether the Government have received any request for the stoppage of trains at Morappur Railway Station in Dharmapuri district;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have also received any request to operate a diesel car between Dharmapuri and Bangalore on Salem-Bangalore broad-gauge line; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a): No, Sir. However, gauge conversion of this line has recently been completed which has increased the line capacity on the section substantially.
- (b): Does not arise. Traffic on the line has not yet reached a level to justify its doubling.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Some representations including from Shri P.D. Elangovan, Hon`ble M.P. have been received in this regard.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise.