

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LINKAGE PROJECT AT CHENNAI
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the linkage project between Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore; and
- (b) the time by which the work on this proposal is likely to be taken up and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): The alignment requires acquisition of State Government land. Clearance of Government of Tamil Nadu have been sought to agree to the alignment. Meanwhile, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has come forward to construct Elevated Expressway for cargo connecting the Chennai Port and Maduravoyal. The proposed expressway will follow Cooum River alignment along Poonamalle High Road. Since the Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore Broad Gauge (BG) connectivity will clash with the NHAI alignment, the State Government has stated that they are not in a position to convey its clearance for the BG connectivity between Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore.