

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4433  
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DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal for track doubling of Kanyakumari- Madurai-Chennai section;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the same; and
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be started?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): On Kanniyakumari-Chennai route, double broad gauge lines are already provided on Chennai-Chengalpattu and Madurai-Dindigul sections. Doubling of Chengalpattu-Villupuram by gauge conversion of the existing metre gauge line and Villupuram-Dindigul sections have been taken up and these works would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. An outlay of Rs. 43 crore and Rs. 60 crore respectively is proposed for these doubling works during 2010-11. Doubling of Madurai-Kanniyakumari is not sanctioned.