

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN CHAMARAJANAGAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have approved some railway projects in the Railway Budget 2010-11 for making the Chamarajanagar railway station as a model station;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) the progress made for laying the new railway lines between Krishnagiri and Mettupalayam to Chamarajanagar?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The 'Model Station' scheme was in vogue between June, 1999 to November, 2008. However, Chamarajanagar has been selected for development as an Adarsh Station in 2009-10.

(c): Section-wise position of the suggested new line is as under:

i) Krishnagiri - Chamarajanagar :- A survey for this new line has been taken up.

ii) Chamarajanagar - Mettupalayam :- On this alignment, Chamarajanagar-Bennari portion is a common alignment with Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line project. An updating survey for Chamarajanagar-Mettupalayam new line had to be done alongwith the final location survey for Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line project. However, final location survey in Reserve Forest Area between Satyamangalam and Chamarajanagar could not make progress, as Tamil Nadu Forest Department has not granted permission to carry survey through Reserve Forest Area. Central Empowered Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court has also not recommended this project as it will cause damage to Elephant Wild Life Sanctuary. State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been requested for their views on dropping of Bangalore - Satyamangalam new line project.