

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways had sanctioned for Chinna Salem- Kallakurachi, new broad-gauge Railway line during year 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the present status of the project;
- (c) the reasons for delay in execution of the project; and
- (d) time by which work on this project is likely to be started?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Chinna Salem-Kallakurichi new line work was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 38.91 crore. Delay in execution is on account of non-finalisation of alignment of this line due to number of representations from various quarters.

(d): Work will be started after finalisation of alignment and availability of land.