

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAIL LINES IN TAMIL NADU
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for laying four new railway lines in Tamil Nadu including Dindigul-Kumuli-Ariyalur-Thanjavur, Mannargudi-Pattukkottai, Dharampuri-Morappur has been held up due to paucity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Railways for laying said rail lines?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Proposals for construction of Dindigul-Kumuli, Thanjavur-Ariyalur, Dharmapuri-Morappur, Needamangalam-Pattukottai via Mannargudi and Tiruvannamalai- Jolarpettai new lines were processed for `In Principle` approval of the Planning Commission with the condition to process these proposals after getting participation from the State Government to the extent of 50% of the cost of the proposals. However, Planning Commission has advised to process these proposals for their `In Principle` approval after obtaining consent of the State Government for the proposed cost sharing. State Government has shown inability to share part cost of Dindigul-Kumuli via Bodinayakkanur, Tiruvannamalai-Jolarpettai, Needamangalam-Pattukottai via Mannargudi new line proposals and advised to take up the proposals with full Railway funding. The proposals could not be considered further in view of State Government refusal to share cost.