

Title: Need to take effective steps to make the Railway Division at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, functional - Laid.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR) : The New Railway Division in Guntur has been formed in the year 1997. Though the foundation stone been laid long back the construction work to put the division functional has not yet been taken up till date. To start the preliminaries, the Government of India has allocated Rs. 1.00 crore in the year 1997-98 which was lapsed due to non-execution of works. An amount of Rs. 40 lakhs has been allocated for the current year to start the preliminaries.

Whereas the works pertaining to Raipur and Ranchi Railway Divisions that were sanctioned along with Guntur Division are in full swing, the works at Guntur Division are at stake. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered to transfer cents of land at Nallapadu village which is agreed by the Railway Authorities, besides assuring to transfer the balance private patta land adjacent to the said site.

As the Government of Andhra Pradesh has given consent to allocate the required land for the construction of Railway Division in Guntur, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to take necessary steps to expedite the work.