

Title: Need to allocate adequate funds for early completion of Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Nagoore rail line gauge conversion work in Tamil Nadu. -- Laid.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM) : The world famous Thanjavur Big Temple, Veilankanni Church and Nagoore Dargah are located in the districts of Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagappatinam. Throughout the year, a large number of pilgrims cutting across religions, caste and States throng these districts from all over India. In order to facilitate the pilgrims, the people of these districts and my constituency have requested the Railway Ministry again and again for conversion of railway line between Trichy-Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Nagoor in broad gauge. After many such repeated requests, the then Railway Minister had announced in 1993 in his Railway Budget that a BG line would be laid between Trichy-Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Nagoor. As such Trichy-Thanjavur line has been converted into BG line. But work in the remaining section i.e. Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Nagoore has not started even after 10 years.

Hence, I request the Government of India, especially the Hon'ble Minister of Railways on behalf of the people of Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagappatinam districts, to allot the necessary funds to execute the project and suitable order may be given to include this project in this years target itself.