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Title: Need for electrification of Shoranur-Mangalapuram rail line and construction of an overbridge at Pattambi town, Kerala- Laid.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): The Railway Line between Shoranur and Mangalapuram plays a very important role connecting Kerala with Karnataka and other parts of the country. Taking into account of the increased volume of rail traffic, it was decided to double the rail line in this sector. The doubling work is already underway. It should be noted that the full utilization of the doubling would be possible only when the electrification of this line is done. I therefore urge upon the Government to include the electrification of this line in the next budget and allocate substantial amount for the same. Further, the people of Pattambi town are facing a peculiar situation. The rail line here divides the main town from the area where the government offices and hospitals etc. are situated. The people have to cross the rail line to visit the government establishments vis-à-vis the main town. With the doubling of the line in this sector, crossing of these lines would become more risky. I, therefore, urge upon the government to take urgent steps for the construction of an over bridge at Pattambi Town as part of the on going doubling work.