

Title: Need to convert the metre-gauge railway line between Coimbatore and Dindugal into broad-gauge.

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): Sir, I wish to draw your kind attention to the long-pending demand of my constituency, Pollachi, in Coimbatore District which is the Manchester of South India. Pollachi is also an inter-State marketing centre and well-known for export of coir and coconut products.

Now, Pollachi and Udmalpet are becoming very important towns and there is a long-pending demand for the broad-gauge route. The metre-gauge between Coimbatore to Dindugal via Pollachi should be converted into broad-gauge route. On conversion, it will generate good revenue for Railways and the people of South India will be benefited by getting easy link to travel. The punctuality of the trains will also be improved. Apart from these, important places like Palani, a pilgrim centre, Tirumoorthi dam, Amrawati dam and Top Slip wild life sanctuary will be well connected.

I request the Railway Minister to take up the above proposal at the earliest.

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