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Title: Need to lay a new rail line between Jolarpettai and Hosur via Bargur and Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu . – Laid.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI) : Time and again for the past many decades, there has been a demand for a new railway route between Jolarpettai and Hosur via Bargur and Krishnagiri. All the Members of Parliament elected from Krishnagiri constituency had made such representations, but in vain.

Even though there are ample avenues for the expected level of revenue from this area for this new project, the Government has not taken action on the repeated requests and representations.

We expected the Government to make an announcement of this project during the Budget Session, but it was not done. When, I placed before the Minister the facts comprising the available potentialities and the expected revenues, he had agreed in principle to consider my request for laying of the new railway route between Jolarpettai and Hosur via Bargur and Krishnagiri and to allot necessary funds for it, but so far the work has not been taken up and the people of this area are very much angry and unhappy over this.

Now, Krishnagiri District is newly formed with Krishnagiri as the District Headquarters. As per the laid down norms, Krishnagiri should be in the railway map and the proposed new line will solve all the problems.

Hence, I request the Minister of Railways to instruct the authorities concerned for resurvey and early action in this regard.