Title: Need for early completion of survey work for laying of new broad gauge railway line between Jolarpettai and Hosur in Krishnagiri Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. VETRISELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, a preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey for a new broad gauge line between Jolarpettai and Hosur has been sanctioned and the survey is in progress. The survey is expected to be completed by December, 2000.

This proposed line touches six segments of Krishnagiri Parliamentary Constituency, namely, Bargur, Krishnagiri, Balakode, Kaveripattinam, Ozur and Talli. Due to educational, agricultural and industrial developments, many people prefer to travel by this route. This railway line will give the public easy access to Bangalore. Moreover, this is a long-pending demand of the public. Further, this railway line was in use during British period.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister for Railways to expedite the survey, and start the work immediately.

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