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Title: Need to conduct a fresh survey to find out the feasibility of laying a railway line between Jollarpetti and Hosur via Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. VETRISILVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): Demand for railway line between Jollarpetti and Hosur *via* Krishnagiri is pending with the Government for a very long period. Before Independence, there was a railway line, but it was discontinued some years ago. Four or five former public representatives of this area and myself have raised this demand several times in this House. Finally, on our repeated demand, the Railways have ordered for survey, which was then conducted by the end of December, 2000. But the study report was presented before the Railway Board stating that creation of railway line in this area found no physical profit. On the basis of said report, Railways have not taken any action towards the creation of railway line between Jollarpetti and Hosur.

Krishnagiri is surrounded by two States, i.e., Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Many people of this area are doing business in textile, granite, grains, mangoes, coconut, paddy, etc. By creation of this railway line, people of Krishnagiri can reach towards the northern and southern parts of the country. Therefore, I request the Government to reconsider the demand of people of Krishnagiri area and direct the Railway Department to conduct the re-survey to find out the feasibility of creation of railway line between Jollarpetti and Hosur *via* Krishnagiri.