Title: Regarding laying of new railway line in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI (SIVAKASI): The Indian Railways have rightly gone on a study and survey and identified certain deserving areas for forming new railway lines. The Railways have earmarked five new lines in Tamil Nadu – Dindugal-Kumli; Dharmapuri-Murappur; Ariyalur-Thanjavur; Manarqudi-Pattukottai; and there is one more for execution.

The Planning Commission seemed to have estimated the cost of about Rs.1,500 crore and suggested that the concerned State Government may share 50 per cent of cost in the view of economic viability. It is a matter of disappointment to come across the present Government of Tamil Nadu are not willing to share the cost of the project…....(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI M.S.K. BHAVANI RAJENTHIRAN (RAMANATHAPURAM): He is purposely abusing the Government of Tamil Nadu.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there is anything objectionable, I would remove it.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI: While eight of the other States are too willing to share the cost ranging from 50 to 70 per cent. The above said projects are mostly passing through very backward areas that are yet to touch the fruits of the railway service. By some means or others, I would urge the Government to take necessary steps to get these schemes implemented at the earliest.[r72]