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Title: Need for laying of a new railway line between Jolarpettai and Hosur via Tirupattur – Sulagiri.

SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, there has been a long pending demand for laying of a new railway line between Jolarpettai and Hosur via Tirupattur – Baragur – Kandikuppam – Krishnagiri – Sulagiri. People's representatives from Krishnagiri Constituency cutting across the party lines have made so many representations for executing the project.

Sir, it is learnt that about 50 years ago, there were rail services on this route. With the passage of time, the services were suspended and the line was worn out. Recently, a survey was conducted for laying of a new line and the data was collected but till date there is no progress. Because of the absence of a railway line, the road traffic in this area is congested. Agriculturists, businessmen and general public are suffering huge hardship to travel and to transport their goods. If the line is commissioned, the goods and passenger traffic will be diverted from road and it will fetch huge revenue to the Railways. Bangalore is the nearest city. This line will connect both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps and adequate funds may be allotted for laying of a new railway line during this year itself.