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Title : Regarding need for an alternative rail route from Nadikudi to Sri Kalahast in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): I would like to bring to the notice of this house regarding the urgent need to have an alternative rail route from Nadikudi to Sri Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh, as the existing line laid in the coastal corridor suffers frequently on account of cyclones, tsunami type of calamities, which disturb the movement of the trains and there is no alternative line to divert the trains during these occasions.

This alternative route from Nadikudi to Sri Kalahasti had been proposed during the British regime itself but has not materialized so far. The railway authorities have accordingly conducted the survey and found that this is one of the very feasible routes for laying the new line. This line will facilitate the movement and improvement of standard of life of the backward taluks of Nalgonda, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor and Guntur districts; will reduce the distance by 100 Kms thus saving time and fuel costs; will facilitate the pilgrims of Tirupathi and Sri Kalahasti which are the biggest pilgrim centres in India and which lakhs of people visit every year.

I therefore request the Government to issue instructions to the concerned for early laying of this alternative line.