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Title : Regarding need to lay a new railway line between Ongole and Donakonda in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIM. SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): I would like to bring to the notice of this House about the urgent need for construction of Ongole-Donakonda new BG rail line in South Central Railway of Andhra Pradesh. Ongole town is in a very backward Prakasam district not having communication system to reach all corners of the district. It is in the east coastal border of Prakasam district. Donakonda Railway Station is situated in the western part of the Prakasam district in the midst of thick forest area. Dry and garden crops are grown abundantly in this area and the agriculturists find it very difficult to transport their produce to the marketing centres due to lack of proper transport facility. Further, ever since Galaxy granite stone, a rare mineral deposits was unearthed recently at a place called Cheemakurthi this area has gained international importance and the mineral is being exported in abundant quantity. As there is no proper transport facility, transportation of this mineral and other agricultural products has become very expensive.

I, request the Government to sanction laying of a new railway line between Ongole and Donakonda in Andhra Pradesh without further delay.