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Title: Demand for suburban rail network for Bangalore city.

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR (BANGALORE SOUTH): Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to speak. For the last 10 years I have been proposing that there should be a suburban rail network for Bangalore city. Actually, from Bangalore city railway station there are four radials towards Yelahanka, Yeswanthpur, Kengeri and Krishnarajpuram. The proposal is that there should be electrification, doubling and automatic signaling on these broad gauge lines so that we can have a local rail like Mumbai.

The Karnataka State Government has sent in a proposal that it is going to bear fifty per cent of the total cost. When BJP Government was in power in Karnataka we proposed it and it was unfortunate that the Union Railway Minister Shri Kharge in his recent Budget did not mention about it. He also said that there has been no proposal like this. I have provided all the documents to the Central Government that the Chief Secretary of Karnataka has proposed.

I urge to this Government that the suburban rail of Bangalore city should be made a reality.