Title: Need to release funds for construction of a new railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kowur in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI P. BALRAM (MAHABUBABAD): I would like to draw the kind attention of this august House regarding the need to lay a new railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kovvur areas in Andhra Pradesh which falls in my constituency.

Madam Speaker, this request is pending with the Ministry of Railways since many years. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has reminded the Central Ministry several times keeping in view the demand of the public. If this line is constructed, then it will serve the backward areas. Also an alternative route connecting Telangana and North Coastal Districts of Andhra Pradesh areas will also be benefited and it will cut short the distance of around 170 kms. There is a heavy passenger traffic on this route. People of my constituency wish that this project may be taken up and completed in the remaining Eleventh Five year Plan on a war footing basis.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways, to intervene in the matter and release the required funds to complete the already sanctioned new railway line between Bhadrachalam and Kovvur to fulfil the needs and aspirations of the people between Bhadrachalam and Kovvur areas of Andhra Pradesh.