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Title: Need to expedite work on new Sabari and Edappally-Guruvayoor rail line and augment railway services in Chalakudy Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): I would like to request that the Government may kindly take action to complete the survey of new Sabari and Edappally-Guruvayoor rail line and to speed up the land acquisition by giving more compensation to persons whose land is being acquired for the purpose and allocate fund for the same.

Aluva, Ankamaly and Chalakudy are the three major Railway Stations which were declared as Adarsh Stations within my constituency area. All the three places are famous in one way or the another. Aluva is a pilgrim centre and Gateway of Munnar tourist centre as well as near to the Cochin International Airport at Nedumbassery. The modernization of Aluva and Ankamali Railway Stations befitting its status as the gateway for lacs of pilgrims visiting Malayattoor St. Thomas Church and Kalady (Birth place of Adhi Shankaracharya) should be undertaken. Chalakudy railway station is the Gateway of Athirappilly-Vazhachal Waterfalls and Thoompoormuzhy tourist centre. Hence, it is requested that necessary steps may be taken to speed up and complete the modernization works of the above stations. It is already requested to provide stoppage to the trains except Duronto and Rajdhani passing through the above mentioned stations and the same may be considered immediately.

I would also request the Government to take urgent steps to complete the proposed ROB/RUBs at Angamaly-Karukutty (Champanoor), Koratty, Chalakudy, Aloormala, Puliyanam, Chowara and Neduvanoor, and also to make the recently inaugurated Nedumbassery Railway Station fully operational with all facilities including multifunctional shopping complex on top priority.