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Title: Need for laying a new railway line between Avadi and Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak during the Zero Hour.

My parliamentary constituency Tiruvallur is the district headquarters surrounded by approximately thousands of the villages. Avadi where the Heavy Vehicle Tank Factory, Indian Ordnance Factory, CRPF Camp, IAF Training Centre, CVD, CVRD, Engineering College and Kendriya Vidyalayas are situated is only ten kilometres from Tiruvallur. The present railway station at Tiruvallur is not having basic amenities to cater to the need of the commuters. A new railway line has been proposed in between Avadi and Sriperumpudur *via* Vayalanellur, Tirumazisai and Orgadam for which the survey was already conducted. The land acquisition process is yet to be started. There are a number of multinational companies situated at Sriperumpudur. The Government can get public contributions from the multinational companies for the formation of a new railway line. Keeping importance of Tiruvallur, the Ministry of Railways should order for the stoppage of all trains passing through Tiruvallur at Tiruvallur Railway Station.

Sir, I on behalf of the people of my parliamentary constituency, earnestly appeal to the Government to consider the demands at the earliest. I would request for early completion of fourth line between Tiruvallur and Arakonam and introduction of more suburban services on this sector and also more suburban services from Chennai Central to Gummidipoondi with new train services from Gummidipoondi to Tirupathi via Naidupettai, Kalahasthi and Renugunta.

Sir, with these few words, I conclude.