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Title: Need to initiate work on gauge conversion of railway line between Thiruvarur and Karaikudi in Nagapattinam Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

DR. K. GOPAL (NAGAPATTINAM): I would like to urge the Government to initiate action for early completion of the railway gauge conversion project between Thiruvarur and Karaikudi in Nagapattinam constituency, Tamil Nadu which is pending without any reason for the last so many years. The survey study has already been completed. But no further action has been taken by the Government till now. Therefore, I request the Government to initiate this pending project and include it in the Railway Budget along with the necessary allocation of fund. Since the completion of this project has the demand of people of my constituency for nearly two decades, the Government should expedite the line between Thiruvarur and Karaikudi. The completion of this railway gauge conversion work would not only be beneficial to villages and towns located along this rail route but also would generate more income to the Railways.