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Title:Regarding need for early completion of Tindivanam-Nagari new broad gauge line.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Tindivanam - Nagari New BG line involves a distance of 180 km and passes through Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore and Thiruvallur districts in Tamil Nadu and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh. It crosses Cheyyar and Palar rivers. The new route would have 12 major bridges, 114 minor bridges, 66 level-crossings, 11 over-bridges across roads and 30 under-bridges. The proposed line will cover 8 taluks in 5 districts, 4 in TN and 1 in Andhra Pradesh. Out of this 4 Taluks namely Vandavasi, Cheyyar, Arcot and Pallipattu are getting railway network for the first time.

Though inauguration of the Rs.498-crore new rail route from Tindivanam to Nagari was held at the Old Ranipet Station in August 2007, but little progress has been made so far even after 8 years.

I, therefore, urge the Union Government to allocate adequate funds and focus more on the execution and completion of this new BG line which will benefit millions of people living in the five districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.