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Title: Need to expedite completion of the fourth railway line between Thiruvotryur and Wimco Nagar in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH BABU (CHENNAI NORTH): Hon. Speaker Madam, over the years, there has been heavy traffic congestion between Chennai Beach and Gummudipoondi section. To ease the traffic congestion, a third line in this corridor has been commissioned between Korukkupet and Attipattu stations, which has a distance of 15 kms. This section is used by several passenger/mail/express trains going towards the northern and eastern parts of the country, as well as suburban and freight trains that cater to the heavily industrialized north Chennai. As far as construction of the fourth line in this stretch is concerned, it has almost been completed but there are certain bottlenecks between Tiruvotriyur and Wimco Nagar stations which has delayed the project.

Presently, every day, the trains on this section face a minimum delay of 15 minutes to half-an-hour because of congestion. The commissioning of this line will result in speeding up of suburban trains in this section and will improve punctuality.

Further, the quadrupling of this section between Chennai Beach and Attipattu has to be necessarily and urgently extended up to Gummudipoondi.. Existing double line track has to be declared as Dedicated Corridor for suburban EMU services, given that Ponneri lying in between is to be converted into a Smart City where an estimated population of around 5 lakh is to be cushioned.

HON. SPEAKER: It is okay. Such a long text you cannot read. Not to read one full page.