

Title: Need for creation of a new Railway Division at Bitragunta or Nellore or Gudur in Andhra Pradesh on South-Central Railway.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA (NELLORE): Sir, I had been repeatedly representing to the Government regarding creation of a new Railway Division at Bitragunta or Nellore or Gudur in Andhra Pradesh on South Central Railway, but no action has so far been taken by the Government on this issue.

There is every justification for the creation of a new Railway Division at Bitragunta or Nellore or Gudur, since these places are centrally-located on Vijayawada-Chennai main line and also convenient operationally and from administrative point of view. Necessary infrastructure and more than 1,000 acres of Railway land are available at Bitragunta area. Nellore is a District Headquarters and centrally-located on the main railway line. Similarly, Gudur is an important Railway Junction connecting Tirupathi and Chennai railway lines.

Apart from the above, a major Urea plant by IFFCO and major port is coming up under international consortium in Nellore area.

It is strange to note that Railways have proposed to create a Railway Division at Guntur as Headquarters which is just 30 kms. away from Vijayawada and Vijayawada is a Divisional Headquarters. Both Vijayawada and Guntur are like twin cities and only Krishna Bridge is in between.

I request your goodself to kindly intervene in the matter and consider creating a new Railway Division at Bitragunta or Nellore or Gudur on South-Central Railway instead of Guntur.