

Title: Need to provide better railway facilities to the people of Guntur.-Laid

SHRI R. SAMBISIVA RAO (GUNTUR) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways, regarding the long standing demands of the people of Guntur on the following railway works.

1. Construction of office building for new Railway Division at Guntur and posting of personnel in Guntur Railway Division.
2. Doubling of rail line between Nallapadu and Nadikudi.
3. Electrification of railway track between Nallapadu-Pagidipalli in south Central Railway.

As regards the construction of office building for new Railway Division at Guntur, foundation stone was laid by the then Railway Minister on 5th July, 1997. While inaugurating, he has also promised to provide funds for the survey of the above projects.

Sir, I have been drawing the attention of the Minister since then, but I am getting the same reply that the survey is being conducted and as soon as the results of the survey are available, action will be taken.

Sir, more than one year has passed, but the report of the survey has not been received. I would further urge the hon. Minister to kindly appraise me as to why there is so much delay in getting the survey report.

Sir, the electrification project between Guntur and Nadikudi Railway line and the sanction for double line between Guntur and Nadikudi are long over due and the people are agitated over this issue. The Railway Ministry should have provided funds in its Budget for 1998-99, but I regret that there is no mention about this project.

I urge upon the Government to do the needful.