

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020**

KARAIKAL-PERALAM RAIL LINK

1642. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the rail link from Karaikal to Peralam linking Southern part of the state;**
- (b) whether the work is expected to be completed before the famous 'Sani Peyarchi' festival in Karaikal to be celebrated during December 2020; and**
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1642 BY SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.09.2020 REGARDING KARAIKAL-PERALAM RAIL LINK

(a): Karaikal is already connected with Railway network including with Peralam via Thiruvarur.

To provide additional direct connectivity between Karaikal to Peralam, 23 Km long new line work was sanctioned as material modification to Tiurchchirapalli – Thanjavur – Nagore – Karaikal Gauge Conversion project at a cost of ₹177.69 crore in January, 2019. Land acquisition documents have been submitted to State Government in September, 2019. Execution of work would be taken up after getting 100% land.

(b) and (c): The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical Conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. As such, confirm completion time of the project can not be ascertained at this stage.
