

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU .

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Shri S. Thangavelu

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether State Government of Tamil Nadu has urged on many occasions, speeding up the doubling project and electrification of line between Chennai to Kanyakumari;
- (b) if so, whether any project for doubling and electrification between these lines was planned earlier by Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed by Government to complete the project; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597 BY SHRI S. THANGAVELU TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.11.2010 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Section-wise position on sanctioned doubling and electrification of Chennai-Kanniyakumari route is given as under:-

A. Doubling:

Section Status Chennai-Chengalpattu (60 Km) Doubling completed. Chengalpattu-Villupuram (103 Km) Works on bridges, platform, level crossings, etc. have been taken up. Villupuram-Dindigul (273 Km) This work has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited for execution. Final location survey has been completed and tenders for civil, electrical and other works have been processed. Dindigul-Madurai (62 Km) Doubling completed.

In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and operational constraints, doubling of Madurai-Vanchi Maniyachchi-Tirunelveli-Kanniyakumari (245 Km) section is not sanctioned. B. Electrification:

Chennai-Villupuram-Tiruchchirappalli rail line has been electrified. Electrification work is in progress on Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai-Nagercoil-Kanniyakumari rail line (432 RKM) and this work is planned for completion by March, 2012.

(d): Does not arise.