

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3471
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

CHINNASALEM TO KALLAKURICHI RAILWAY LINE

3471. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Chinnasalem to Kallakurichi railway line project;**
- (b) the total cost and length of the railway line project along with the amount sanctioned and utilized till date;**
- (c) whether the project has been delayed due to land acquisition issues;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with State Government of Tamil Nadu to make available land for this railway project and if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Government thereto; and**
- (e) the time by which the work on Chinnasalem to Kallakurichi is likely to be started and completed?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3471 BY SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING CHINNASALEM TO KALLAKURICHI RAILWAY LINE

(a) and (b): Chinnasalem – Kallakurichi (16.20 Km) new line project has been taken up as Material Modification to Cuddalore-Salem via Vriddhachalam (191 Km) Gauge conversion project. Sanctioned cost of Chinnasalem – Kallakurichi new line is ₹116.61 crore. An expenditure of ₹15.70 crore has been incurred upto till date and an outlay of ₹15 crore has been proposed for this project for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Project involves acquisition of 68.07 hectare land. Land acquisition has been taken up. Earth work, bridge works etc. have been taken up where land is available.

(c) and (d): Project involves acquisition of 68.07 hectre land. Land acquisition proposals for entire 68.07 hectare land have been submitted to State Government on March, 2010. Land acquisition is in various stages.

Railway is regularly following up with State Government, for expeditious land acquisition.

(e): Execution of earthwork and bridges have been taken up in available land. The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department 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, priority of projects, etc. and all these factors affect the completion of the project. Hence, confirm time frame for completion of Chinnasalem – Kallakurichi cannot be given at this stage.
