

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1603
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

STATUS OF RAIL LINK FROM KARAIKAL-PERALAM

1603. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the rail link from Karaikal to Peralam linking Southern part of the State; and**
- (b) the time by which the work on the said railway line is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1603 BY SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING STATUS OF RAIL LINK FROM KARAIKAL-PERALAM

(a): Karaikal is already connected with Railway network including with Peralam via Nagappattinam, Tiruvarur. To provide additional direct connectivity from 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 proposals for 3.20 Ha land have been submitted to State Government of Tamil Nadu in September, 2019. Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to expedite land acquisition. However, work has been taken up on available land.

(b): Completion of a Railway project depends on various factors like expeditious 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 etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of project. As such, confirm completion time of the project cannot be ascertained at this stage.
