## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding train connectivity between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai-laid.

SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Tiruvannamalai Railway Station in Tamil Nadu is 125 years old. The Passenger Train from Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai was running till 2007 on meter gauge. The work relating to conversion of meter gauge to broad gauge commenced in the year 2007 which temporarily disrupted the railway connectivity to Tiruvannamalai. After completion of conversion of railway track the daily passenger train which was operating between Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai has not been restored. The Temple city of Tiruvannamalai attracts lakhs of visitors for Dharshan of Lord Arunachaleshwarar and Girivalam. There is a huge public demand for direct train connection between Capital city of Chennai and Temple city of Tiruvannamalai. Hon'ble Railway Minister, may take necessary action to resume daily direct train connectivity between the Capital city of Chennai and Temple city of Tiruvannamalai without any delay.