

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to introduce a daily intercity express train between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai.

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. My constituency Tiruvannamalai is an internationally renowned religious place which attracts lakhs of pilgrims to the Arunachaleshwar Temple for Darshan and Parikrama of the Holy Hill, which is known as Girivalam round the year, every month. There is no direct train between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai. Even the Puducherry-Howrah Express train which passes through Tiruvannamalai does not have a halt at that place. The railway station at Tiruvannamalai is in a poor state; even, there is no waiting room for the passengers. The progress of work relating to the new broad gauge railway line from Tindivanam to Tiruvannamalai is very slow. There is an urgent need for direct train connectivity between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai to enable passengers to reach the city by train. I seek the personal intervention of the hon. Minister of Railways, through you, to introduce a daily intercity express train between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai in the upcoming General Budget. Thank you.