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Title: Regarding appointment of gate keepers at the level crossing between Thiru eeru and Karaikudi railway section in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. SELVARAJ (NAGAPATTINAM): Hon. Speaker, Sir, in Nagapattinam constituency, people are agitated over the long hours of train journey in the trains service from Thiruvarur to Karaikudi.

12.13 hrs

At this stage, Shri Hibi Eden, Dr. T Sumathy (A) Thamizhachi Thangapandian and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

To cover a distance of 140 kms., the train takes 6 to 8 hours. The delay is due to the 72 railway crossings, which have no gate-keepers. Before the train reaches the gate, the driver stops the train and the guard closes the gate. Once the train crosses the gate, the guard again opens the gate. This process is being done in all 72 gates. This unnecessarily waste the valuable time of the passengers. Patients who are going to hospitals, students, and office-goers are the worst affected. So, the people in my constituency are very angry.