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Title: Need to operate a regular reserved train between Coimbatore/Mettupalayam and South Tamil Nadu.-Laid

**SHRI P. VELUSAMY (DINDIGUL):** Lord Murugan temple in Palani is one of the most visited pilgrimage centres in India. Millions of pilgrims every year from other countries and from India (especially from Tamil Nadu & Kerala) visit Palani temple. Palani serves as one of the nearest rail head for world famous tourist hill destination “Kodaikanal”. Also, Dindigul is the one of municipal corporations of Tamil Nadu which has various industries and educational institutions. Oddanchatram is a commercial town in Dindigul constituency and has one of the largest vegetable markets in India. I would like to highlight that there is no regular reserved train operating at present between Coimbatore / Mettupalayam and South Tamil Nadu through the shortest rail route (via. Palani). The service of trains is going to end by this week (1st July, 2022). I request the Hon’ble Railway Minister for making the services of train permanent in the interest of the general public.