

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding request to start a daily train(Rameshwaram Express)from Karaikudi to Thiruvarur,which goes upto Chennai.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Thank you very much, Speaker, Sir. When you called my name last time, I was not present in the House as I was in a Committee meeting.(*Interruptions*) It is very difficult to pronounce my name correctly. It is after a Tamil poet's name.(*Interruptions*)

Sir, once again thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. This is about a railway line between Karaikudi to Thiruvarur, which was converted into broad gauge. It is about 150 kilometers and about thousand crore rupees were spent in this project. The work was completed two years back. About 100 gatekeepers are to be appointed there, and because of this it has not yet become operational.

I would request the hon. Minister to start a daily train, that is, Rameshwaram Express, from Karaikudi to Thiruvarur, which goes up to Chennai. Not running of this train on this route has given a lot of hardships to the public at large.

Sir, Keeranoor, which is a place between Trichy and Pudukkottai, is the taluk headquarters and town panchayat. All trains going through that way should stop there. I would request the Government to provide a stoppage at Keeranoor. Nearly about 50,000 people of about 100 villages will be benefited.

I have personally met the Minister, the Chairman and the General Manager but nothing has happened so far. I would request the hon. Minister to take immediate steps in this regard. Thank you very much.