

Title: Regarding stoppage of trains at Keeranur Railway station, Pudukottai district, Tamil Nadu-Laid.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Keeranur, a Town Panchayat and Taluk Headquarter is located in Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu. It is the third biggest centre after Pudukottai and Aranthangi. From Keeranur ? IIM, Anna University Regional Campus and Bharathidasan University are nearer as compared to Trichy. The railway station at Keeranur is used by about 50,000 people from Keeranur and the surrounding hundred villages. Railways have suspended stoppage of Trichy ? Rameswaram Passenger at Keeranur after its upgradation as Express Train whereas stoppage is continuing at smaller stations like Kumaramangalam and Vellanur. As a result, the people are facing lot of difficulties, particularly, the students. Besides, there has been a persistent demand to provide stoppage of Pallvan and Sethu Express Trains at Keeranur. The passengers have to go at least 29 kms. to Tiruchirappalli or 24 kms. to Pudukottai respectively to catch their trains and they are not in a position to spend huge amount of money for their travel.

As the train services are basically meant for the benefit of general public, I humbly urge upon Hon?ble Minister of Railways to kindly take immediate necessary action to provide stoppage of (i) Trichy ? Rameswaram (ii) Pallavan and (iii) Sethu Express trains at Keeranur Railway Station.