

Title : Regarding resumption of a daily direct train between Chennai to Tiruvannamalai-Laid.

SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): There is a demand by a large number of public for direct train connection between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai. Tiruvannamalai Railway Station in Tamil Nadu is 125 years old. The Passenger Train from Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai was running till 2007 on narrow gauge. The work relating to conversion of narrow gauge to broad gauge commenced in the year 2007 which temporarily disrupted the railway connectivity to Tiruvannamalai. After completion of conversion of railway track, the daily passenger train which was operating between Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai has not been restored. Needless to reiterate that the Temple City of Tiruvannamalai attracts lakhs of visitors for Darshan of Lord Arunachaleshwara and Girivalam. Hon?ble Railway Minister, may, therefore, take necessary action to resume a daily direct train between Chennai to Tiruvannamalai without further delay.