

Re: Extension of train services to Salem - laid

SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM): Currently, only two trains operate from Salem: the 13351 Alappuzha Express at 5:22 am and the 12626 Kerala Express at 9:45 am. Unfortunately, there is a gap of around four and a half hours between these two services, leaving passengers without transportation options. Similarly, from Coimbatore, the only trains available are the 17229 Sabari Express at 4:25 pm and the 16382 Pune Express at 8:00 pm, leaving a four-hour gap between them. This lack of train services during these intervals has severely impacted the lives of residents. Daily wage workers, contract workers, college students, government and officials, entrepreneurs, who heavily rely on bus transportation, face immense hardship. They are forced to spend a significant portion of their income on bus travel expenses, which creates a substantial financial burden for them and their families. To address this issue, we propose extending Train number 06801, currently running from Erode to Coimbatore at 7:50 am, to start from Salem at around 7 am. Similarly, Train number 06800, travelling from Coimbatore to Erode at 6:10 pm, could be extended to Salem. These extensions would greatly improve transportation options and alleviate the difficulties faced by the residents of Salem and its surrounding areas.