

## Regarding closure of Royapuram Railway Printing Press, Chennai

**SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI):** The Railway Printing Press at Royapuram, Chennai has been functioning successfully since 1890. It has developed from DTP Technology to ROTATEK Machines imported at a cost of Rs. 15 crore. This Unit has been undertaking the printing job of PRS / UTS tickets, Railway Timetable, Reservation Forms, Working Time Table, Service Registers, etc. Unfortunately, Railways have decided to close down this Unit. This will lead to the valuable assets worth several crores and printing materials to be disposed of at scrap value and the well-trained employees have to be redeployed in unrelated and valueless work. Even if these printing jobs are outsourced, there are possibilities of fraudulent practices and increased printing cost. Therefore, Railways should come forward to protect the organization. The jobs which were outsourced earlier are to be brought back to Royapuram Printing Press besides the printing work of public sector undertakings, banks, co-operative societies, etc. can also be undertaken in a cost-effective manner. Keeping in view of above, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to desist from the Closure of Royapuram Railway Printing Press, Chennai and to save the organization and its workforce.