

Regarding commissioning of Metro Rail Project to Tiruchirappalli

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Thank you, Sir. Tamil Nadu fishermen who belong to the areas of Rameshwaram, Kottaipattinam and Nagapattinam are frequently arrested by Sri Lankan Navy. Recently, three days back, nearly 80 fishermen have been arrested and they are kept in jail in Sri Lanka. So far, nearly 250 boats belonging to Tamil Nadu fishermen are kept in the seashore of Sri Lanka. So, I request the Government to take steps to release these fishermen and their boats also.

Sir, Tiruchirappalli is located in the central part of Tamil Nadu. It is a corporation city. In and around, more than 50 lakh people are living there. It is a very important city. Many Central Government public undertakings like BHEL, ordnance factory etc., are there. Many institutions are also there.

Therefore, I urge the Government to expedite the Metro Rail Project in Tiruchirappalli as early as possible.

Sir, I would like to request the hon. Railway Minister to take up the issue of the construction of one RUB at Kariveppalan near Vellanur and Pudukkottai Stations. It is yet to be sanctioned. I also request one more ROB near Vellanur and Pudukkottai Stations. That has already been sanctioned but the work has not started. These two issues should be taken up.

I request the Railway Minister to approve a daily train from Manamadurai to Chennai *via* Karaikudi, Aranthangi, Peravurani to Chennai. I also request him to approve a daily train from Trichy to Bangalore. Another daily train from Pudukkottai to Chennai via Trichy and Villupuram may also be considered. A new railway line should be taken up between Thanjavur and Pudukkottai. A daily day-time Intercity Express train should be taken up from Trichy to Chennai should also be considered. It should start in the morning from Trichy and also in the afternoon from Trichy to Chennai. One Kendriya Vidyalaya should also be started in Pudukkottai in Tiruchirappalli.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: You are putting a charter of demands.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: I have also spoken about them. Since it is a last Session, I am mentioning them again. I am just bringing them to the knowledge of the Government.

Sir, one service road should be taken up in Tiruchirappalli. The Metro Rail Service Project to Trichy is very important. It is likely to be announced as the second Capital of Tamil Nadu. Neary 50 lakh people will be benefited out of that. So, I request you to take up this Project in Tiruchirappalli.

Thank you, Sir.