

Re : Operation of new trains and development of railway infrastructure-laid

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): At the outset, I thank Railway Ministry for undertaking measures to improve the facilities in our Kanyakumari District.

Thousands of passengers travel daily from and to Kanyakumari district for various needs, majority of them being tourists. Being a highly educated district, people go out to various major cities for employment and thousands of our students are pursuing education in various colleges outside the district. Also, patients travelling outside the district is also high in numbers.

Considering the above traffic, the rail facilities for the people are very less. Hence, I have been demanding new trains and extension of trains to my district. I would like to reiterate the earlier demands pertaining to Kanyakumari district with regards to railways.

(1) A daily train to Chennai from Kanyakumari via Katpadi. Hundreds of patients visit Vellore for various treatments and this train would cater the need of these people.

(2) A weekend train to Velankanni from Thiruvananthapuram to help the pilgrims visit Velankanni shrine. This train may schedule to depart TVC on Friday evening and depart Velankanni on Sunday evening.

(3) A MEMU from Trivandrum to Madurai be operated which would ease the travel difficulties of passengers of both Trivandrum and Madurai divisions.

(4) A train from Kanyakumari to Hyderabad via Madurai may be considered as lot of people travel to Hyderabad for work and other purpose.

(5) Further, I request the Government to consider a Vande Bharat train with sleeper facility from Kanyakumari to Chennai once these trains are introduced.

(6) Nagercoil Town Railway Station is shaping out to be a major station in the district with new trains passing through this station. In future further more trains

shall be crossing this station. Lot of infrastructure is being done in the station by Railways. But still we expect furthermore facilities in the station.

- A connecting road between Nagercoil Town station and new constructed 4 way lane be planned as passengers would be using the 4 way lane road in the future. Also such a road would help the passengers skip the heavy traffic of Nagercoil city which is at the other end of the station.

- The number of platforms at the station be increased to 6.

- Retiring room facilities to be enhanced.

(7) Nagercoil Junction Railway station also needs upliftment with more retiring rooms and passenger amenities.

The doubling work between Trivandrum and Nagercoil is in progress but at a very slow pace. The work be completed at the earliest by speeding up the work. It is kindly requested that the above requests be kindly considered and the concerned be directed to implement the same.