

**Title:** Need to upgrade the status of Parasala railway station as a block station in Tamil Nadu for the purpose of crossing of trains.

SHRI V.S. SIVAKUMAR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): I would like to invite your kind attention regarding conversion of Parasala Railway Station into a crossing station. The Parasala station lies in the section of Kanyakumari. This is one of the busiest routes of the Southern Railways. The tourist importance of Kanyakumari increases the number of passengers using this route. The train crossing Block railway stations on the south of Parasala is Kuzhithurai and Neyyattinkara in North. There is a distance of approximately 20/25 kms between these two stations. The trains have to wait at Kuzhithurai or Neyyattinkara for crossing purpose for more than 45 minutes at either of these stations. This causes inordinate delay to train services in this route. Therefore, it is requested that Parasala station may be upgraded to the status of a Block Station for the purpose of crossing of trains.