

Title: Regarding the proposed indefinite strike of the Station Masters in Railways.

SHRI THIRUNAVUKARASU (PUDUKKOTTAI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways and the Central Government to the proposed indefinite strike of the Station Masters.

Sir, the All India Station Masters Association have given a notice to go on an indefinite strike. I would like to mention a few of their demands, like revising the minimum pay scale, grant of running allowance on par with the running staff, to vacate all the penalties imposed for trade union activities on 11.8.1997. These are the few important issues which are lying long pending. They have given the strike notice. If they are allowed to go on strike, it would lead to a lot of hardships to the general public.

So, I would like to request the Central Government in general and the hon. Minister in particular, to call the Association for a meeting and settle the issue.