

Title: Need to provide adequate facilities at Dharmapuri and Morappur railway stations in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN (DHARMAPURI): There is urgent need to improve the railway infrastructure facilities in Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu. The introduction of one more passenger train service between Salem and Bangalore *via* Dharmapuri Station and to construct a pedestrian Pathway overbridge as well raising the platforms to the appropriate height and roofing throughout the length of platform will facilitate Dharmapuri people. It is also very essential to create a stop at Morappur Railway Station for the Coimbatore-Chennai intercity Express and a stop at Dharmapuri Railway Station for Bangalore-Tuticorin Express. It is also a long time demand of the people of Dharmapuri district to construct Railway over-bridge at Adiyamankottai Railway level crossing, 10 kms South of Dhamapuri town on the NH-7. To avoid heavy traffic jams on the NH-7, the construction of Railway over bridge at Adiyamankottai level crossing is a must. The reservation quota of berths/seats at Morappur and Dharmapuri railway stations for all the trains and stops at these two stations have to be increased to cater the needs of the people of Dharmapuri district.