

**Title:** Need to introduce direct trains from Kanyakumari to Delhi and Thanjavur.

DR. A.D.K. JAYASEELAN (TIRUCHENDUR): Sir, Kanyakumari is an important tourist centre. It is situated at one end of the country. The famous Vivekananda rock and the statue of famous Tamil Saint Tiruvalluvar are located here. Thousands of tourist both from within the country and abroad come here every day. However, Kanyakumari lacks adequate rail facilities. There is no direct train between Kanyakumari and New Delhi at present.

People from Delhi visit Kanyakumari often and *vice-versa*. If a direct train is introduced, people living in Southern districts of Tamil Nadu will be benefitted. Likewise, there should be a direct train between Kanyakumari and Thanjavur.

I urge upon the Railway Minister to introduce direct trains between Kanyakumari and New Delhi and from Kanyakumari to Thanjavur.

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