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Title: Need to provide better facilities at Ekambrakuppam Railway Station, Tamil Nadu.- Laid

DR. N. VENKATASWAMY (TIRUPATI) : Ekambrakuppam Railway Station is the centre for many villages and Taluk headquarters Nagari. But it is in a very bad shape. The platform of the Ekambrakuppam Railway Station is situated in a peculiar way. It has two platforms one above and another below. Trains going towards Madras halt at lower platform and trains coming from Chennai halt at higher platform. The passengers who come from Chennai have to face difficulty to come down to lower level and go to town. The upper platform is not in complete shape. *Pucca* platform has to be constructed. There is no shelter also for the passengers and for other amenities like benches for passengers to sit.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Railways to see that the authorities are instructed to take the work of remodeling the railway platform so that passengers move freely.

Further, the people of Ekambrakuppam request to reserve 2 or 3 berths in all trains going to Hyderabad from Triupati. Tickets will be purchased at Ekambrakuppam and people may board the train either at Tirupati or Renigunta Railway Station.