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Title: Need for a circular train service connecting Vijayawada-Guntur-Tenali stations in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR): Vijayawada, Guntur and Tenali are important and busy railway stations on the South Central Railway portion of the State of Andhra Pradesh. They are extremely busy nerve centres of traffic in coastal Andhra Pradesh with the establishment of large number of Engineering and Medical Colleges in that area, the growth of traffic in the recent years has been phenomenal.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested that the Railways should consider establishing a Circular Railway System between these three important towns of Andhra Pradesh. Each station is about 30 kms. from the other and any fast moving Circular Train System will attract a lot of traffic to the Railway, decongesting the road system and bring down pollution levels.

There is no direct train to Chennai via Guntur other than 7054 Chennai Express. The existing 7054 Secunderabad-Chennai Express is not catering to the demand of rush of passengers. Hence, there is a dire need to run a day time express train to Chennai via Guntur or to divert the Pinakini Express or Circar Express or Janashatabdi Express via Guntur which justifies the demand of passengers from Guntur and its vicinity to Chennai.

I urge upon the Government to at least order a survey in this regard in the next railway budget, that is, 2003-04.