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Title: Need to provide for a stoppage of express/mail trains at Tiruvallur Tamil Nadu.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I express my gratitude for giving me an opportunity to bring to the notice of the Government the urgent necessity for a stoppage of express/mail trains at Tiruvallur, near Chennai.

Tiruvallur is my parliamentary constituency. Tiruvallur is also the Headquarters. A number of temples are located in and around Tiruvallur. It is called a religious place too. In a range of about 15 kms. Avadi is located where we can find a number of Central Government offices and establishments. For example, in Avadi, we have Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi Tank Factory, Ordnance Clothing Factory (OCF), CVRD, CRPF Training Centre, Railway EMU Workshop, Air Force Station, colleges and schools. Added to this vast population residing at Avadi, adjacent place called Ambattur is an industrial hub.

Close to Tiruvallur, in Sriperumbudur, in addition to the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, we also have multinational companies (MNCs) like Nokia, Hyundai, Saint Gobain Glass. Hence, stoppage of trains at Tiruvallur would go a long way in helping people habituating and working in and around Sriperumbudur.

All I am trying to say is that there is an urgent necessity for a stoppage of express and mail trains at Tiruvallur so that the rush at Chennai Central Station is reduced considerably. The status is that now all the railway passengers have to get down at Chennai Central Station and return back to Tiruvallur or Avadi. Considering stoppage of trains like Brindavan Express, Kovai Express, Intercity Express, Lal Bagh Express, Mumbai-Kachenguda-West Coast Express and numerous express and mail trains from Kerala and from North at Tiruvallur would reduce congestion at Chennai Central Station.

It may kindly be noted that I have raised this issue in this very House a couple of times and also written to the Railway Minister and Railway authorities, apart from meeting officials at Rail Bhavan, but nothing fruitful has come out of it. Hence, this renewed effort.

Considering the reasonable reasons and reducing the time of railway passengers and congestion at Chennai Central Station, stoppage of express and mail trains at Tiruvallur should be considered forthwith without any further delay. I hope, the hon. Minister of Railways would accede to this genuine request of mine to help my parliamentary constituency, Tiruvallur, for which act both the people of my parliamentary constituency and I would be indebted.

SHRI P.L. PUNIA (BARABANKI): Sir, I would like to associate with the issue raised by Dr. P. Venugopal.

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आप किस नियम के तहत व्यवस्था का पूंज उठा रहे हैं। नियम बताइए।

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार : शून्यकाल का नियम है।

सभापति महोदय : यह कोई नियम नहीं है।

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार : महोदय, मैं केवल यह बोलना चाहता हूँ कि शून्यकाल का महत्व आपके आसन पर बैठने से बढ़ा है। आपने देखा है कि सदस्यों की संख्या बढ़ रही है। मैं आपकी तारीफ कर रहा हूँ।

सभापति महोदय : धन्यवाद।

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to speak in Telugu.

सभापति महोदय : कृपया संक्षेप में बोलें। अभी बहुत-से माननीय सदस्यों को बोलना है।

