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Title: Need to start the new passenger train service between Palani and Tiruchendur in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): The long awaited Palani to Tiruchendur passenger new train service which was announced in the last Railway Budget has not yet been started. Timings were also printed in the Railway Time Table. As this is a day time service between two sacred places, it will be beneficial to the poor and middle class passengers. Palani-Tiruchendur route covers two heavenly abodes of Lord Karthik. Further, this route also covers Palamuthirsolai and Tirupparankunram of Madurai, the other two abodes of Lord Karthik. Hence, out of 6 heavenly abodes, this single route covers 4 abodes of Lord Karthik which will be immensely welcomed by the devotees.

I urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to start the train service from Palani to Tiruchendur before the end of this year.