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Title : Need to increase train frequency between Chennai and Jodhpur.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Chairman, I would like to bring the following matter of public importance to the notice of the hon. Minister of Railways through 'Zero Hour' of the House.

Chennai, the Capital of Tamil Nadu, is one of the oldest cities in India. It has become the most important industrial, manufacturing and services hub. Because of this, the city of Chennai has offered huge employment opportunities. As a result, the people from all over the country came to Chennai in search of employment and also for setting up their own businesses. People from North India, especially from Rajasthan, established their businesses at Chennai and settled in Chennai for generations together. They have to go to their native place frequently to attend to some family functions.

Now, there is only one express train leaving from Chennai for Jodhpur and that too runs once in a week. So, they are facing huge difficulties in going to their native place due to lack of proper train connectivity with Jodhpur. Hence, to cater to the needs of the people going to Jodhpur from Chennai, I would request the hon. Minister of Railways to provide a daily train from Chennai to Jodhpur or at least increase the frequency of the present train to thrice a week from once a week.