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Title: Need to resume operation of Rock Fort Express running between Trichi and Chennai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): The 'Rock Fort express' which is called as 'Malaikottai Express' in Tamil was originally plying between Trichirapalli-Chennai-Trichirapalli (Train No. 6178/6177) for decades. People from Trichirapalli and nearby Pudukottai district are benefited by this train. Due to the gauge conversion on the main line and lack of train connectivity from Thanjavur to Chennai, the train was first extended upto Thanjavur in July 2000 and later on to Kumbakonam in September, 2004. Now the gauge conversion have been completed on the main line and Thanjavur and Chennai are connected by various trains. After restoration of train connectivity on main line the 'Rock Fort Express' which was extended upto Kumbakonam is to be resumed from Trichichirapalli to Chennai. Due to the extension of 'Rock Fort Express' the people of Trichi and Pudukottai are unable to get reservation. On behalf of the people of my parliamentary constituency, I appeal to the Government through this House to resume the operation of 'Rock Fort express' from Trichi-Chennai-Trichi.