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Title : Need to provide sufficient railway rakes at Pollachi Railway Station in Tamil Nadu for transportation of Coconuts to different parts of the country.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Pollachi is an important commercial centre in the State of Tamil Nadu and it supplies coconuts and tender coconuts all over India including Mumbai and Delhi. There are several coconut groves in the region and hence it is called as 'Coconut City'. There is a huge demand for Pollachi coconuts and tender coconuts all over the country. However, the coconut growers in Pollachi are not getting remunerative price for their produce due to lack of transportation. The coconut growers have been demanding to provide railway rakes at Pollachi railway Station to transport coconuts and tender coconuts to different parts of the country exclusively for these products. Since these are perishable items, it needs quick disposal and these products cannot be kept for a long time. Therefore, to provide a better remunerative price for the farmers of coconuts and tender coconuts in Pollachi and to save their produce, quick transportation is the need of the hour. I, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to direct the concerned railways authorities to provide sufficient railway rakes at Pollachi Railway Station for the transportation of coconuts and tender coconuts to different parts of the country. As gauge conversion work is going on in Pollachi, railway rakes may be provided at Coimbatore Junction till the gauge conversion work is completed in Pollachi.

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