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Title: Need to augment train services in Chidambaram Parliamentary Constituency and provide better connectivity to the area with surrounding cities.

\*SHRI THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN (CHIDAMBARAM): The following are the details about the Railways in our area. After the gauge conversion long distance trains such as (1) Chennai-Tiruchendur (2) Chennai-Remeshwaram (3) Bhuvaneshwar-Rameswaram and (4) Varanasi-Rameswaram do not stop at Tirupapuliur Station. Since Tirupapuliur is the district capital of Cuddalore the people suffer a lot of hardship. So, I request that the above mentioned trains may be given stoppage at Tirupapuliur.

Earlier, four pairs of trains were operating between Villupuram and Mayiladuthura junctions. Now two pairs were cancelled. The students who are studying in Annamalai University, Chidambaram are suffering. So, I request you to take immediate action to operate two more pairs of trains between Villupuram and Mayiladuthuraj junctions and upgrade the Chidambaram Railway Station immediately.

Earlier, a fast passenger train was operating between Nagore and Bangalore via Tirupapuliur which helped farmers and agricultural labourers. Now, it has been cancelled. I request to resume the above train with immediate effect.

Earlier, a train was operating between Tirupapuliur and Salem, now it is restricted to Vridhachalam and Salem. I request you to take immediate action to resume the same between Tirupapuliur and Salem.

Earlier, two passenger trains were operating between Trippapuliur and Vridhachalam. Now, these trains have been cancelled. I request to resume these two trains to help the passengers of Cuddalore district. Gururoyur Express and Kanyakumari Express to be stopped in Iehangadu station near Trichy. The doubling of railway line between Madurai and Kanyakumari is needed. A new Railway Terminal to be created at Rayapuram in Chennai, in which the first train operated by Southern Railway in 1856.

Due to hike in the bus fares in Tamil Nadu, the poor people prefer trains. Day-time passenger and express trains between Trichirappalli and Chennai via Chidambaram should be introduced for the benefit of passengers. The Railway department has conducted a survey for the new route between Chennai and Cuddalore via Podicherry, Mahabalipuram. A feasibility report was also prepared. The people are still waiting for the announcement. I request the authorities to expedite measures for the early announcement of the new route.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 11.00 a.m.

**17.47 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock  
on Thursday, December 15, 2011/ Agrahayana 24, 1933 (Saka).*

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