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Title: Need for proper maintenance of stations from Chennai beach to Velacherry in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH):I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance under Rule 377.

Chennai is India's fourth largest urban city. It has a well-established railway network. But since it could not cater to the needs of the growing population, Mass Rapid Transit System was planned and it was completed till Velacherry. From Chennai beach up to Velacherry, it covers a distance of about 25 kms; and it has more than 15 railway stations in-between.

The sad story of MRTS is that none of the stations is maintained properly. There is no cleanliness in and around the station areas; there is no water facility. During some emergency situations, finding water in the station area is very difficult. Even though the stations were constructed recently, those are in a dilapidated condition. Basically, it lacks lighting facilities. One would find it fearsome to enter the stations during nights, as they are completely dark.

This issue needs immediate attention of the Government. I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to look into this and see that the MRTS stations in Chennai are maintained properly.