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Title : Need to introduce a daily train as 'Vivekanand Express' from Kanyakumari to Delhi via Rameswaram and Thiruvannamalai.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVANNAMALAI): The great Tamil Saint Poet Thiruvalluvar who contributed didactic couplets with universal appeal elucidating the value based rules of life stands majestically as a grand statue in Kanyakumari. Kanyakumari has got rail links with Delhi. These two places of tourism importance got another direct rail link with the introduction of Thirukkural Express in 2002 operated once a week. As Kanyakumari district has got higher level of literacy in Tamil Nadu, the rail passengers from this place to several places in India for the purposes of Education, Job opportunities and trade related activities are ever increasing. Hence, there has been a consistent demand from many quarters to make the weekly Thirukkural Express as a daily train. After ten years of persistent appeals it has now been made a twice a week train. As the need to make it a daily train is still there, the railways may still consider it. The Nation is now celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Vivekananda who got a vision for India in Kanyakumari. Rameswaram is the holy town where Vivekananda landed first in Tamil Nadu after his famous Chicago Address and Thiruvannamalai is the world renowned spiritual town. Hence, I appeal to the railways to introduce a daily train as 'Vivekananda Express' from Kanyakumari to Delhi via Rameswaram and Thiruvannamalai linking these two places directly with the national capital.