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Title: Need to provide stoppage of Train Nos. 16735/16736 at Cuddalore Junction in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. ALAGIRI (CUDDALORE): The express train service no. 16735/16736 is operating between Chennai and Thiruchendhur but this train is not being stopped at Cuddalore junction. The Cuddalore junction is a port junction which is second largest port in Eastern Coastal area. The Railways have 159 acres of land around Cuddalore junction along with big parking areas and 95 Railway quarters at this junction. The Cuddalore junction has four railway platforms. The stoppage of above train is also necessary due to various major SIPCOT industries such as Chemplast, Sanmer, Shasun chemicals, Tanfac Fertilizers Company, Pharmaceuticals Companies, Nagarjuna Oil Corporation, Chemical Companies, Loyal Super Fabrics, Good Earth Shipping Company, ILFS and BGR Thermal Power Company, etc. are located in the vicinity of Cuddalore junction. This junction provides transport to tens of thousands of SIPCOT workers, fishermen and agricultural farmers.

In this connection, it is my humble request to the Hon'ble Minister of Railways through the Hon'ble House to arrange to provide for the stoppage of the train no. 16735/16736 at Cuddalore junction.