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Title: Need to provide stoppage for express train no. 16735/16736 running between Chennai and Thiruchendur at Cudalore junction in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. ALAGIRI (CUDDALORE): Sir, in Tamil Nadu, Cuddalore is the district headquarters but in Cuddalore Junction, there is no stoppage of the prestigious trains like Thiruchendhur Train. Its number is 16735 and 16736. This is a port junction. There are three small ports there. It has 159 acres of land and 95 railway quarters along with big parking areas. But there is no stoppage of the Thiruchendhur Train. So many major companies like SIPCOT industries, Chemplast, Sanmer, Shasun Chemicals, Tanfac, Nagarjuna Oil Corporation, Loyal Super Fabrics, Good Earth Shipping Company, ILFS, BGR Thermal Power Station etc. are located there. But there is no stoppage for so many trains.

So, we want Thiruchendhur Train to stop at Cuddalore Junction and at Panruti. This is our major request.

In Southern Railway, there is no GM. The Southern Railway is running without a GM. We are not able to contact any higher officials. If we talk to the Divisional Manager, he requests us to talk to the General Manager but there is no General Manager. The General Manager is in Bengaluru and he is in charge of Southern Railway. So, the Ministry of Railways should take care of Southern Railway. If MPs approach officials for any clarification, they are not able to reply.

Therefore, I would request the hon. Chair to instruct the Railway Minister to consider the Southern Railway as a part of their Railways. So, they should immediately appoint one General Manager. This is my request.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Shri P.L. Punia is allowed to associate himself with the matter raised by Shri S. Alagiri.

Shri Majumder, you can continue later. I will give you chance after some time.