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Title: Need to augment railway services and facilities in Arakkonam Parliamentary constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Arakkonam is a very big railway junction catering to the needs of government and private sector employees as well as business persons from more than 200 villages and cities in and around Arakkonam. Rail commuters of this area expect that all the trains passing through Arakkonam should stop in Arakkonam. Also due to the insufficient length of platform no. 1 and 2 of Arakkonam junction, the people are facing huge difficulties to board the trains. Necessary financial allocations may be made for extension of the platform no.1 & 2 at Arakkonam Railway station. Train No. 16203 running from Mysore to Chennai (Garudathri Express) via Tirutani used to depart at 8 A.M. earlier has been rescheduled to depart at 9.15. I urge that the departure time should be restored at 8 A.M. as it was in the past. Those trains which are in operation from Chennai to Arakkonam in the morning and evening shall be extended upto Tirutani thereby facilitating large number of commuters. Moreover, trains which operate from Chennai Beach to Kancheepuram via Chengalpattu may be extended upto Arakkonam via Tirumalpur.

Large number of people are travelling by train from Tirutani to Chennai in the morning hours. But there is no electric train service from Tirutani to Chennai from 7 A.M. to 9.40 A.M. Even though assurance has been given by the railway department for operation of electric trains from 8 A.M. from Tirutani to Chennai, it has not been implemented till now. I urge upon the government to take immediate steps for early fulfillment of assurance.

I also request for additional stoppage of all the Express and Superfast Express trains running from Chennai to other Stations via Katpadi in the following railway stations like Arakkonam, Anwarthikanpettai, Wallajah and Mukuntharayapuram.

I request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways for the favourable consideration of the demands of the general public of my parliamentary constituency.