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Title: Need to introduce New DEMU Train Service between Salem and Puducherry via Vriddachalem.

DR.K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Sir, the train services in the State of Tamil Nadu are inadequate and the railway track between Salem and Vriddachalem is underutilized. In order to provide better rail connectivity to the general public, students, labourers, employed people, business people, agriculturists and patients traveling to Puducherry and Salem, I request the hon. Railway Minister to introduce New Diesel Multiple Unit (DEMU) train services between Salem and Puducherry via Vriddachalem, two each in the morning and evening.

At present, there is only one train between Chennai Egmore and Salem via Vriddachalem and that too in the night only. Passengers who want to travel during the day time find it very difficult. Therefore, I demand that one Express Train from Chennai Egmore to Coimbatore via Vriddachalem and Salem may be operated during the day time to cater to the traveling public especially those who finish their work in Chennai during day time and want to go back.