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Title: Need to re-open Salem East Railway Station and also augment railway services in Salem Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM (SALEM): In my constituency there is a railway station at Salem called Salem East Railway Station. It is the oldest railway station in Salem. Earlier from this station people used to board trains for their journey to Chennai for business, education and other purposes. Now, since long the Station is not functioning. So the people are unable to get train services. The non-operation of the station defeats the very purpose of existence of this station. It is, therefore, requested to kindly take necessary steps to re-open the above said station as soon as possible for easy movement of the people.

The second thing is that daily thousands of people of Amnapet, Pannamapet, Ayothyapattinam, Salem town and a lot of vehicles cross the railway gate near the Salem Railway station. Due to the railway gate, people face numerous difficulties as they get stuck in huge traffic jams for hours. People are facing this problem for the last so many years. So, I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to make arrangements to construct a new over-bridge (at level crossing no. 180/BT) to facilitate smooth movement of traffic at the level crossing.

In Kumbakonam, there are lots of famous temples and various tourist destinations. If a new train named as 'Amma' from Salem to Kumbakonam is introduced, the people thronging the Kumbakonam will be greatly benefitted.

There is also a need to introduce a new train during day time from Salem to Egmore and Egmore to Salem.

I urge the Hon'ble Railway Minister to kindly look into the demands and take suitable urgent steps to augment the railway facilities as requested.