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Title: Regarding increasing duration of train stoppages at Tiruppur and providing Special Parcel Trains.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR): Sir, I am thankful to our beloved Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Tiruppur is the hub for knitted and hosiery textiles and is a major exporter in the world market. A large quantity of global blends of T-shirts and knitwear are exported from here and most of these are made by small traders fetching huge revenue to the Union Government. These traders are used to book small parcels from Tiruppur to various parts of the country.

Railways have now reduced the duration of train stoppage from five minutes to two minutes at Tiruppur and as a result they are not accepting the parcel booking for transportation. Small traders do not have the financial strength to transport their parcels to other stations by other means which adds substantial cost to their produce. The move of the Railways will increase the cost of Tiruppur manufacturers and put them at a great disadvantage in the competitive world market.

Therefore, I humbly request the hon. Minister of Railways to increase duration of train stoppages to five minutes at Tiruppur or Special Parcel Trains may be operated at frequent intervals from Tiruppur in order to facilitate the local manufacturers.