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Title: Regarding better rail connectivity in Arakkonam Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I wish to raise an important issue regarding better rail connectivity in my Arakkonam parliamentary constituency. Several thousands of people belonging to different walks of life travel from Tiruttani and adjoining villages to Chennai to attend to various works. It is a matter of serious concern that during the peak hours from 7 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. there is not even a single electric train, that is the EMU, towards Chennai in this route.

I urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to instruct the officials concerned to operate EMUs from Tiruttani between 7 a.m. and 9.40 a.m., particularly at 8 a.m. so as to enable commuters to reach Chennai around 10 a.m.

I also request for extension of platforms no. 1 and 2 at the Arakkonam Junction so that women, senior citizens and students may not find it difficult to board and de-board as the bogies of the trains are mostly outside the platforms. Ten days ago, a woman lost her legs while de-boarding a train.
...(Interruptions)

I also urge that the express trains passing through Arakkonam should stop invariably at Arakkonam to benefit several thousands of rail passengers.
...(Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Only one matter is allowed, not so many matters. You have asked for EMUs from Tiruttani to Chennai. That is all right.