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Title: Need to make DEMU shed at Salem and allocate 3 DEMU rakes at salem division.

SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM (SALEM): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to draw the kind attention of the hon. Railway Minister to take concrete steps for sanctioning long-term projects for my constituency Salem which will also be in the interest of the public in the medium and long term.

There is a proposal to set up DEMU shed at Salem at a cost of nearly Rs. 22 crore. The DEMU shed will cater to improving services between Salem – Virudhachalam, Salem – Karur, Erode – Tiruchy and Salem – Dindigul – Madurai, apart from other sections. It is requested that this project may be given overriding priority for the interest of the public of the western region of Tamil Nadu.

I understand that the DEMU shed may take some time to build. In the meanwhile, I would like to request the hon. Railway Minister to urgently allocate at least 3 DEMU rakes to Salem Division so that these services can be started immediately without waiting for the DEMU shed.