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Title: Regarding expansion of Railway platform in Erode, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA CHINNAIYAN (ERODE): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance pertaining to my constituency.

Erode Railway Junction is one of the high income generating stations in South India. It comes under my constituency. It is a very busy station from where 154 trains pass through everyday to all parts of the country. Erode city is a textile centre as well as turmeric marketing centre also. There are some important religious places in nearby areas. A lot of passengers board and alight here to reach various destinations all over the country. But there are only four platforms at Erode Junction. As passenger traffic is increasing, so is the train traffic everyday. These four platforms are not sufficient for easy movement of passengers as well as trains. Hence, many trains get delayed unnecessarily for want of platform.

So, there is an urgent need to increase the number of platforms at Erode Junction. I would request the hon. Railway Minister to look into this matter and allocate some funds for early construction of two more platforms at Erode Junction.