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Title: Need to set up a Passenger Reservation System at Gobichettipalayam in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR): *Sabhapati mahoday*, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

I am thankful to our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, respected Amma.

Setting up of a railway passenger reservation system centre at Gobichettipalayam is a long pending demand of the student, trading, farming and working community of the area. The place, Gobi, is strategically located in the State highway connecting Erode, the district headquarters, with Mysore in Karnataka State *via* Satyamangalam. There are many educational institutions like schools, engineering colleges, and arts colleges located around this place wherein students from all over Tamil Nadu and other States are studying. A large number of migrant workers from distant States are working in textile and allied mills situated in this place. Skilled manpower in sizeable numbers from the deep southern districts of Tamil Nadu are also working in these units. There are many IT professionals belonging to this area working in places like Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

All the stakeholders living in Gobi, Bhavani, Sathy and Perundurai taluks have to travel a distance of 50 kilometres on an average either to Erode or Tiruppur for making reservations in trains. It is highly unfortunate that no such facility is created here even after the formation of Salem division in whose jurisdiction Gobi is situated. It is high time that PRS is set up immediately at Gobichettipalayam. This will immensely benefit 10 lakh people of this Parliamentary constituency.

Thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Shri Dhruvanarayana – it is a State matter.