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Title: Need to install an escalator at the Chengalpattu railway station in Kancheepuram Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM (KANCHEEPURAM): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. This is my first parliamentary speech in my political career, and I would like to thank the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and my Party leader for this great opportunity.

Chengalpattu junction in my constituency is a major railway station and it is in the Chennai suburban railway network. This junction is an important junction, which has connecting trains in all the directions. This is also the alighting point for the tourists visiting Mamallapuram, Kancheepuram, Mahendra World City, Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant and many other places.

Many elderly and age-old people, who are on pilgrimage, visit these places quite frequently. In this junction, the long-distance trains stop only in far-off platforms for technical reasons because the nearer platforms cannot accommodate them. So, the elderly and old people find it very difficult to climb the stairs and to go to those platforms in order to catch trains.

Hence, I would like to request the hon. Railway Minister to consider installing an escalator at the Chengalpattu railway station, as was provided at the Tambaram railway station recently.