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Title: Need to sanction Metro underground and Metro Electric Trains for Southern Railway Region.

SHRI C. GOPAL (ARAKKONAM): In Tamil Nadu, Vellore District, Arakkonam Railway Station is an important railway junction. Daily two lakhs of people travel from Arakkonam to various places like Madras, Tirupathi, Kanchipuram, Jolarpettai, Ambur, Coimbatore and Salem. To avoid rush, it is a very long time demand from the public that electric trains should be operated from Arakkonam to Katpadi and Arakkonam to Tirupathi. We came to understand that to operate the electric trains in the said routes, the allotment of metro underground and Metro Electric trains are required. The Railway authorities have also recommended to the Central Government for getting the same. Therefore, I request the hon. Railway Minister to allot Metro Underground and Metro Electric trains for Southern Railway for the convenience of students, labourers, village public, businessmen and pilgrims.