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Title: Regarding making Villupuram junction a model station in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Viluppuram in Tamil Nadu is a Municipality and the administrative headquarters of Viluppuram district, the largest district in the state of Tamil Nadu. It is well connected by rail to all the important cities in Tamil Nadu. The city serves as a major railway junction, and National Highway 45 passes through it. As per the Government of India 2014 data, Viluppuram had a population of 96253.

Viluppuram is a prominent railway junction in Tamil Nadu and serves as the distribution point of rail traffic from Chennai, the state capital of Tamil Nadu, towards the southern parts of the state like Tiruvannamalai, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Pondicherry, Trichy, Madurai and Kanyakurnari. It is the second largest junction in terms of branch lines in Tamil Nadu. It is one of the top 5 junctions of Southern Railways which has earned the status of an A Grade train station in Tamil Nadu.

But if you visit the Viluppuram Junction, you find the infrastructure very poor and not up to the mark. A lot of improvement needs to be done keeping in view the number of trains passing through day and night, and the number of railway passengers using Viluppuram Junction.

Hence, I strongly urge the Railway Minister and the Government of India to provide Viluppuram Junction a status of pride and make it as a Model Station, by improving the infrastructure and upgrading the existing facilities to world class befitting its location and status.

