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Title: Regarding railway related issues of Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN (CUDDALORE): I wish to state about the most important railway needs of the people of my Cuddalore Parliamentary constituency.

1. Pennadam Railway Station (PNDM) is one of the oldest Railway stations in Tamil Nadu which has great legacy even from the British period. Pennadam is known for Cement Industries and Sugar Mill, Tittagudi is very near Pennadam which enshrines the world renowned Sri Vaithyanathaswamy Temple.

There are many Colleges and Schools in and around Pennadam. People from several villages in and around Pennadam depend solely upon this Pennadam Station for their rail approach. Earlier both Pallavan Express (12605/12606) and Vaigai (12635/12636) had a stoppage at Pennadam Railway Station (PNDM). Unfortunately no train stops in the entire Tittagudi Taluk at present. Therefore I request the Hon'ble Minister to kindly issue necessary orders for the stoppage of Pallavan Express (12605/12606) and Vaigai Express (12635/12636) at Pennadam Railway Station (PNDM).

2. It is really unfortunate that the Antyodaya train service is being denied to the people of Cuddalore District, as it does not stop throughout Cuddalore District. Cuddalore Town is the District Headquarters and is one of the busiest commercial centres in Tamil Nadu. I request you to kindly take necessary steps to provide a stoppage for the new Antyodaya Train (16191/16192) either at Tirupadiripuliyur (TDPR) Railway Station or at Cuddalore Port Junction.

3. I would also request the Hon'ble Minister to introduce additional trains in this Chennai-Tiruchirappalli line as all the trains are jam-packed and people of this region find it very difficult to get reserved tickets to travel to and from both Chennai and Tiruchirappalli.