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TO

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The General Manager,
Southern Railway,
Park Town,
Chennai 600 003.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Request for Mandaikadu Bhagavathi Amman Temple festival Special train service and stoppage at Eraniel - Reg.

The Mandaikadu Bhagavathi Amman Temple is one of the famous temples of Kanyakumari District. The temple, which is commonly known as women's Sabrimala, is situated in Mandaikadu near Eraniel Railway Station in the Thiruvananthapuram – Kannyakumari railway route. Ten days grand festival is celebrated in the dates of March 5 th to March 14, in which lakhs of people and devotees, especially women from South Kerala particularly Kollam district are expected to participate. During festival times the pilgrims will find difficulties in transportation. If the Southern railway kindly makes more arrangements to introduce a special passenger train from Kollam to Eraniel/Nagercoil, this will definitely help those who visit the temple. Hence, we kindly request the Southern Railway to make arrangements to operate a special train during the festival season of Mandaikadu Bhagavathi Amman temple.

I submit to state that Mandaikadu Bhagavathy Amman temple is located within my assembly constituency. In addition, I state that there is no direct bus service from either Kollam or TamilNadu directions to conveniently reach Mandikadu Bhagavathy Amman Temple and train service is the only possibility to reach Mandaikadu Bhagavathy Amman Temple in a seamless way.

This is to bring to your kind notice that whenever there is a festival in Trivandrum division (Attukal Pongola), the railways are running special trains

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for the benefit of pilgrims. In same way also, we expect that the same facility may be extended to Kanniyakumari district (within the same Trivandrum Division) -TamilNadu temple festivals also for the benefit of pilgrims.

The Southern railway may/shall consider extending the following trains for the purpose (only on festival days).

1. Extension of Kollam – Trivandrum (06423/06424) Exp special up to Nagercoil
2. Extension of Tirunelveli - Nagercoil (06641/06642) Exp special up to Quilon/Kochuveli
3. Kollam – Nagercoil day time passenger Special train

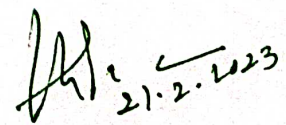
Temporary one min. halt following trains at Eraniel esp. on festival occasions. (05-03-2023 to 14-03-2023)

1. 16605 Mangalore – Nagercoil Ernad express one direction only (05-03-2023 to 14-03-2023)
2. 22628/22627 Thiruvananthapuram - Tiruchchirappalli InterCity Express Both direction (05-03-2023 to 14-03-2023)
3. 19577/19578 Tirunelveli-Jamnagar bi-weekly express in either direction (12-03-2022, 13-03-2023 and 14-03-2023)
4. 16336 Nagercoil - Gandhidham weekly Express (14-03-2023)

In this regard we request concern railway authorities to immediately take up with TamilNadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) department arranging shuttle service between Eraniel Railway station and Mandaikadu Bhagavathi Amman Temple for the smooth flow of pilgrims.

We humbly request you to take relevant and favourable action in this regard.

Thanking you,


Yours faithfully,

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