

**GM's Meeting with Hon'ble MPs of the region served by
Tiruchchirappalli Division on 19.11.2021**

	Shri C.N. Annadurai, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruvannamalai Constituency
1.0	Request for Daily Intercity Express Train between Tiruvannamalai & Chennai and Tiruvannamalai and Bangalore
	<p><u>Response:</u> There are no facilities at Tiruvannamalai for primary maintenance of rakes and the facilities at Chennai Egmore are fully utilised. This precludes introduction of a new train from Tiruvannamalai to Chennai. However, three Tri-weekly expresses, one Bi-weekly expresses, two weekly expresses and one daily express provide connectivity between Tiruvannamalai and Katpadi station (92 kms from Tiruvannamalai) which is connected with Chennai Central and Bengaluru with many Express trains.</p> <p>At present, Train No.11006/11005 Puducherry-Dadar Tri-weekly express provides connectivity between Tiruvannamalai and Yesvantpur.</p>
2.0	Request for halt of Puducherry-Howrah Express Train at Tiruvannamalai
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for stopping Train No.12867/12868 Puducherry-Howrah Weekly express at Tiruvannamalai vests with Railway Board. However, Southern Railway has recommended to Railway Board for provision of stoppage for this train at Tiruvannamalai.</p>
3.0	Request to expedite completion of work of Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai Railway line
	<p><u>Response:</u> This project is kept under abeyance by Railway board.</p>
4.0	Request to develop Tiruvannamalai Railway station to world-class standard.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Identification Station for Re-development to World Class Standard is done by Railway Board and Tiruvannamalai Railway station is not identified by Railway for such development.</p> <p>Following developmental works have been sanctioned at Tiruvannamalai Station;</p> <p>Improvement to Platform with Granite surface, Additional Platform Shelters, Improvement of Façade of Station Building .</p> <p>Tender for the above works has been opened on 22.09.2021 and the same is under finalization. These works are expected to be completed by December, 2022.</p>

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	Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Arakkonam Constituency											
1.0	Stoppage of EMU Trains at Sholingur Railway Station.											
	Response: Since Sholinghur falls outside the suburban jurisdiction, extension of suburban EMU's to Sholinghur is not feasible.											
2.0	Stoppage of the following Trains at Sholinghur Railway Station											
	a. T.No: 02649/02650 MAS-ED-MAS Express.											
	b. T.No: 06073/06074 MAS-SSPN-MAS Express.											
	c. T.No: 02675/02676 MAS-CBE-MAS Express.											
	Response: The provision of additional stoppage for long distance trains will slow down these trains. Stoppage for T.No.06073/06074 Chennai Central – Satya Sai Prasanti Nilayam Weekly Express Special at Sholinghur has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronized. However T.No. 02675/02676 MGR Chennai Central – Coimbatore Kovai Express Special stops at Walajah Road station which is only 15 kms away from Sholinghur. T.No.02649/02650 MGR Chennai Central - Erode Yercaud Express Special stops at Arakkonam which is 21 kms away from Sholinghur.											
3.0	Amenities											
	a. Platform shelter (platform: 1,2 & 3) Response: Sholingur (SHU) is a NSG5 category station. As against the norm of 50 sq.mtr. shelter in PF No.1,115 sq.mtr. has been provided and as against 50 sq.mtr. norm in PF 2/3,228 sq.mtr of shelter has been provided. Further provision of shelter will be done as per availability of funds.											
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	b. Sitting Bench for passenger.											
	Response: As against the norm of 100 seating arrangements, Sholingur (SHU) has been provided with 140 seats for passengers. Further provision of additional seats will be done as per availability of funds.											

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	Ms. S. Jothimani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Karur Constituency
1.0	A new Railway Under-bridge needs to be constructed to ensure safe crossing at Maravapalayam Gandhi Nagar, Vettamangalam Panchayat, Karur District.
	<u>Response:</u> Construction of an LUS is feasible if funds for the same are provided on Deposit terms.
2.0	Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Vellapparai, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.
	<u>Response:</u> The water logging problem at the location arose in year 2020 because the water way leading from the RUB (Road Under Bridge) was blocked by a quarry owner in the downstream. The person has since been warned and the obstruction has been removed and there is no water logging issue now. A retaining wall has also been built to ease the flow of water from under the RUB.
3.0	Railway Under-bridge constructed is very narrow for vehicles at Palayam, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.
	<u>Response:</u> Widening of RUB has to be taken up on deposit terms, if found feasible. Formal proposal received from State Government.
4.0	Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Subramaniyapuram, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.
	<u>Response:</u> Seepage of water has been prevented and any water logging is being pumped out regularly by Railways. Earthwork has also been done to prevent ingress of water into the LUS. Channeling arrangements have also been made to ensure that the pumped out water runs away from the LUS. Drainage arrangements have also been made at the entrances to prevent runoff water entering the LUS. There is no water logging problem at the location now.

5.0	Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Puliampatti, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Seepage of water in to the LUS has been prevented and any rain water logging is being pumped out regularly by Railways. Earthwork has also been done to prevent ingress of water into the LUS. Channeling arrangements have also been made to ensure that the pumped out water runs away from the LUS. Drainage arrangements have also been made at the entrances to prevent runoff water entering the LUS. There is no water logging problem at the location now.</p>
6.0	There is a closed well under the railway tracks which leads to water logging in multiple areas including the railway under bridge. This issue could lead to problems to the tracks and the public who want to cross at Eriyodu, Vedasanthur block, Dindigul District.
	<p><u>Response:</u> During construction of LUS in lieu of LC no 23 in EDU Yard, as discussed well had to be filled up as it fell in the alignment of the LUS. There were seepage problems in the LUS which have been attended and an electrical pump has been provided in addition to the existing Diesel pump to be operated in case of water logging. There has been no water logging in the LUS since.</p>
7.0	Water Logging in the under-bridge rendering it unusable at Laxmanapuram Thadikombu pirivu, Vadamadurai Block, Dindigul District.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The level of the State highway on the LH side about 120 meters away has been raised by Road authorities subsequent to construction of RUB due to which Rainwater enters in to the RUB. Water also ingresses from the sides of the approach roads. State Govt. authorities have to take action for regrading the approach road and building side walls on the approaches of the RUB on both sides for preventing ingress of water since it is outside Railway boundary.</p>
8.0	Water Logging in the underpass making it unusable at Mayanur Panchayat, Krishnarayapuram block, Karur district
	<p><u>Response:</u> The LUS was constructed in lieu of LC no 46 recently. Now an electrical water pump has been provided and dewatering done regularly by Railways. There is no water logging issue the location since.</p>

9.0	To install lights and CCTV camera in the under-bridge. But water logging is a persistent problem at Thanthoni Block, Karur District.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The damaged portion of the roof cover of the LUS has been repaired. This LUS had a water logging issue in year 2020 because the adjoining land owner had done some earthwork in his land obstructing the natural flow of water. The same has been rectified and there is no water logging issue at the location now.</p>
10.0	Water stagnation in the subway rendering it unusable at Manapparai Trichy Road, Trichy District.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>It is beyond 100m from Railway boundary. Works pertains to State Government.</p>
11.0	Water Logging in Railway under-bridge rendering it unusable at Puthuvadi Panchayat Kumarampatti Road, Vaiyampatti Block, Trichy District.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>Any modification received from State Government will be taken upon on deposit terms if found feasible.</p>
12.0	Over Bridge between Manmangalam and Ellaimedu left incomplete by the contractor and road connecting the bridge is damaged at Vangal Kuppuchipalayam Panchayat, Manmangalam Taluk.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The location proposed is beyond 100m from Railway boundary. Works pertains to State. Govt. Authority.</p>
13.0	Railway Under-bridge construction work not completed after years at Nallamannarkottai, Vedasanthur block.
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>All the work pertaining to subway is now completed including provision of pump.</p>

14.0	Railway Under-Bridge constructed in a way that is accident prone at Pudukottai, Gujiliamparai block, Dindigul District.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The proposed location is subway is made in lieu of LC No.14. On left hand side approach road is branching and going parallel to the track. At branching location irrigation water channel is crossing the approach road. The katcha drain provided during constructing the subway is being paved with cement concrete now. This will permanently prevent the water entry into the subway. Hence, above location is not a accident prone area.</p>
15.0	Requesting new trains:
	1. Passenger trains from Trichy and Dindigul to Manapparai
	2. Daytime Trains between Karur and Chennai
	3. Daytime Passenger trains between Karur and Coimbatore
	4. Passenger train from Trichy to Dindigul with a stop at Vaiyampatti station
	<p><u>Response:</u> The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
16.0	Restoration of Stoppages:
	1. Pandiyan express (12637) at Manapparai Station
	<p><u>Response :</u> Stoppage of T.No. 02637 Madurai – Chennai Egmore Exp Spl at Manapparai has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronized night stoppage.</p>
	2. Palani Express (22651 & 22652) at Palayam Station
	<p><u>Response :</u> Stoppage of T.No.22651/22652 Chennai Central – Palakkad – Chennai Central Express at Palayam has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronized.</p>
	3. Mangalore Express (16859 & 16860) at Mahadhanapuram Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> There is not commercial justification for provision of stoppage for additional trains at Mahadhanapuram.</p>

17.0	Requesting New Station at Mandaiyur to facilitate travel for students studying in IIM Trichy and Bharathidasan University.
	<u>Response:</u> Kumaramangalam and Keeranur are existing crossing stations in Tiruchchi – Karaikudi section. The inter-distance between Kumaramangalam and Keeranur is only 4 Kms. For opening a halt station in non-suburban areas the proposed halt should be atleast 5 kms. away from the adjacent halt/station.
18.0	Resolving request made by the Water department Karur to lay pipes under Jal Jeevan Mission to Kathaparai village along railway chainage 81/100-81/200 near Kongu College.
	<u>Response:</u> The proposed location coming under cutting area from Km.79/479 to Km.83/016 between Mohanur and Karur Railway station. Hence, the proposed pipeline laying is not feasible. However, the authorities were advised to propose in nearby location at Km.79/300-400 or Km.83/050-200.

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	Shri Karti P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sivagangai Constituency
1.0	Request to start and speed up stopped construction of Foot Over Bridge with lift facilities at Karaikudi Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> The work of provision of PF shelter at Karaikkudi station is in progress and targeted to be completed by 15.12.2021.
2.0	Request to erect top roof on the angle at 3rd Platform of Karaikudi Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The work of provision of PF shelter at Karaikkudi station is in progress and targeted to be completed by 15.12.2021.
3.0	Request to post gatemen in all gates to run express trains from Karaikudi, Pattukottai, Thiruthuraipoondi to Tiruvarur.
	<u>Response:</u> Railway board has recently decided to extend the scheme of engagement of Ex- Serviceman on contract basis for further period of one year beyond May 2021, up to May 2022. It has been advised that engagement should be made in the category of Gatemen only with the stipulation that such engagement be restricted to actual number of gateman already engaged or 50% of vacancy, whichever is less. Accordingly, this has initiated the process of reengaging and posting of the 142 Ex-Servicemen as Gatekeepers as per current requirement over the division and same will be completed as early as possible.
4.0	Request to open closed Level Crossing No.182 between Karaikudi and Mayavaram for the use of public.
	<u>Response:</u> The level crossing gate no. 182 at km. 180/000-100 has been closed during Gauge Conversion by diverting the traffic from LC 182 to LC 183 by laying the road on right hand side of the track which is 600m away from LC 182 duly obtaining the consent of District Collector, Sivagangai vide Lr.No.H2-8976-2012 dated 10.08.2012.

5.0	Request for Toilet facility in Karaikudi to Tiruchchirappalli Train which starts at 07.00 Hrs.
	<p><u>Response:</u> DEMU train (06126) is running between Karaikudi and Tiruchchirappalli (KKDI-TPJ) for the distance of 89 kms with the running time of 2 hours and 05 minutes. As per Railway board instructions, no toilet facilities are provided in DEMU trains running for a distance less than 160 kms or less than 4 hrs of journey time.</p>
6.0	Request to re-introduce of Kamban Express: Karaikudi -Thiruvarur Express.
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.16175/16176 Kamban Express is now running between Chennai Egmore and Karaikkal. At present, 3 pairs of daily and 3 pairs of Non daily trains are connecting Karaikudi and Chennai. Timings for a new Tri weekly express between Tambaram – Sengottai via Tiruvarur & Karaikudi has been finalised and forwarded to Railway Board in the current year.</p>
7.0	Request to construct Waiting Rooms, shelter at Two Wheeler stand, provision of lightings, Coach Indication boards at all platforms, Digital Board Announcement.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Karaikkudi is a NSG4 category railway station. This station is provided with 192 Sqm. area of waiting hall as against 75sqm as per norms.</p> <p><u>Retiring Room:</u> Construction of Retiring rooms at Karaiikudi is under examination.</p> <p><u>Parking:</u> As per the present policy, Roof for the Parking space to be provided by the contractor. At present there is no contract is available at Karaikudi.</p> <p><u>Coach Indication Boards:</u> Provision of manual coach indication boards are in progress. For the electronic Coach indication boards, there has been no response for the earlier tender. Again, tender is under process for the provision of Digital coach indication boards at Karaikudi Digital train arrival / departure display board and Digital announcement system is already available and it is functioning at Karaikudi.</p>
8.0	Request for stoppage of Train No. 16793/16794 Rameswaram-Faizabad-Rameswaram AYODHYA (Weekly) Express at Karaikudi
	<p><u>Response:</u> The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP is noted</p>

9.0	(i) Request for stoppage of Secunderabad/Rameswaram at Sivaganga Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The suggestions of the Hon'ble MP is noted. It is feasible to provide stoppage for T.No. 07685/07686 Secunderabad-Rameswaram Holiday Special at Sivagangai.
	(ii) Request for new Digital Coach Indication Boards at Sivaganga Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of Manual Coach indication board is in progress at Sivagangai. Tender is under process for the provision of Digital Coach display board at Sivagangai as recommended by Hon'ble MP
10.0	Request to extend Pallavan Express upto Manamadurai duly providing stoppage at Sivaganga Railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> T.No.12605 Chennai Egmore – Karaikudi Pallavan Express arrives Karaikudi at 23.00.and returns as T.No.12606 at 05.05 hrs to Chennai Egmore. If it is extended to Manamadurai, the train will arrive and depart at inconvenient hours and hence it is not feasible.
11.0	Request for provision of stoppage of Mandhuvadi Express (Train No.05119) at Sivaganga Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> T.No.05119/05120 Rameswaram- Banaras (Wkly) Express are long-distance trains and provision of additional stoppages will slow down the train.
12.0	(i) Request for stoppage of all trains at Rajagambiram Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Three pairs of Passenger trains are provided with stoppage at Rajagambiram (H) station. All Mail/Express trains have scheduled stoppage at Manamadurai which is only 5.72 kms from Rajagambiram.
	(ii) Request for provision of lighting facilities at platform, roof for the platforms in Rajagambiram Railway Station and also a ticket counter to be made available permanently.
	<u>Response:</u> <u>Lighting facility:</u> Light facility is available at Rajagambiram. Since no train is having stoppage at Rajagambiram during Covid pandemic, station was closed and hence looks dark during night time.

	<p><u>Required permanent ticket counter:</u> Rajagambiram has low patronage of traffic with an average per day of 69 passengers and ₹789 as revenue during 2019-20 (Pre covid period) for 3 pairs of trains having stoppage at Rajagambiram. Hence, there is no justification for having reservation counter at Rajagambiram. Nearest reservation facility is available at Manamadurai (5.7 Kms)</p> <p><u>Platform Shelter:</u> Rajagambiram is a halt station under HG3 category station. No platform shelter is required as per the norms.</p> <p>Rajagambiram (halt) is a HG3 category station where passenger foot fall varies from 0 to 44. Hence this station does not qualify for provision of platform shelters.</p>
13.0	Request to put into practice of Reservation Counter permanently at Manamadurai Junction
	<p><u>Response:</u> Manamadurai is already provided with I-UTS facility to proliferate both reserved and unreserved tickets at the same place.</p>
14.0	Request for construction of subway between Manamadurai town to 4way road near Railway station
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request for RUB is in lieu of Existing LC No.34 at Railway km 47/200-300 in between Tiruchchirappalli and Manamadurai Railway Stations in Madurai Division. Chief Engineer (Highways) / Projects wing D.O. Letter No. 1524/W2/2019, dated 12.09.2019 stated that this LC is not feasible for construction of ROB/RUB as per following reasons.</p> <p>“This LC having three tracks in curve. One PWD supply canal runs along the right side of the road. On both sides commercial buildings to a length of 200m on river side and 100m towards NHAI four lane road exists. Constructing ROB/RUB at this location involves huge area of LA along with considerable amount of compensation and also affects PWD supply canal”.</p>
15.0	Request to put into use of closed 2nd class Retiring Room at Manamadurai Railway Station and also provision of 1st class Retiring Room, purified drinking water and advance reservation centre.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Manamadurai Jn. is a NSG5 category station.</p> <p><u>2nd class Waiting hall:</u> Station Manager, Manamadurai has been instructed to keep open the waiting rooms during train timings.</p>

	<p><u>1st Class waiting room:</u> Manamadurai is NSG5 category station and has been provided with 400 Sqm waiting hall as against the norms of 30 sqm. The requirement for I class waiting room at Manamadurai will be studied considering the level of traffic.</p> <p><u>RO water:</u> At present, there is no RO water plant at Manamadurai. Division will explore the provision of RO water under CSR / sponsorship.</p> <p><u>Reservation counter:</u> Manamadurai has been provided I-UTS facility for the issue of both reserved and unreserved tickets.</p>
16.0	Request for extension of Train No.76830/76931 upto Manamadurai
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
17.0	(i) Most of the lights are not working in the Platform of Kallal Railway Station and no platform shelter for passengers
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present, only one pair of Express (T.06851/06852) is having stoppage at Kallal at night time. During train timings, lights are switched on at Kallal.</p>
	(ii) No platform shelter for passengers at Kallal Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Kallal is a NSG6 category station. This station is provided with 406 sqm. of PF shelter on PF No. 1. A work for provision of PF shelter on PF no. 2/3 has been proposed in umbrella work of 2020-21 and the same is under process for obtaining Board's approval.</p>
18.0	(i) Need of Coach Display Digital Board at Devakottai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>Digital Coach indication Board:</u> As recommended by Hon'ble MP, tender is process for the provision of Digital coach indication board at Devakottai Road.</p>
	(ii) Request to raise platform height at Devakottai Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> Devakottai road railway station is a NSG5 category station on Tiruchcirappalli – Karaikkudi – Manamadurai Jn. Section of Madurai Division. The work of High level Platform has been awarded and will be taken up early.</p>

	(iii) No shelter at Vehicle Parking in Devakottai Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> <u>Shelter for Vehicle Parking:</u> At present, there is no vehicle parking contract at Devakottai Road.
19.0	(i) Request to make function of closed Advance Reservation Centre at Puduvayal Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> Kandanur Pudhuvayal Railway station is a Halt station, a halt agent is engaged to issue preprinted unreserved tickets at Kandanur Pudhuvayal Railway station. As per halt master circular dated 18.11.2019, only unreserved tickets are permitted to be issued in a halt station. Hence the provision of reservation facility at Kandanur Pudhuvayal Railway station is not feasible.
	(ii) Request to remove barricade and stop electricity for 2 days at LC No.411 to make chariot of Shri Kottai Nachiyamman passes through.
	<u>Response:</u> The movement of the chariot car across the track would involve 1. Cessation of traffic 2. Slewing/removal of 25 KV AC Over head lines 3. Deployment of man power by railways for para 2 above and restoration on account of the above charges would need to be paid.
20.0	Request to make function of closed Advance Reservation Centre at Kottaiyur Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> Kottaiyur is a Halt station. PRS facility is available at Karaikudi (6.3 Kms).
21.0	Request for construction of subway between Pudukottai and Thirumayam Railway Stations
	<u>Response:</u> Unmanned LC no 390 Between Tirumayam – Pudukottai stations near Pulivalam, at km 468/400-500 has already been closed during December-2018 duly providing diversion road to Manned LC No 389 at km 467/400- 500. Provision of subway could not be considered as Railway formation is at par with adjoining ground level as also due to close proximity of residential building at the closed LC location.

22.0	Request for construction of subway near Namunasamuthram.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Manned LC no 386 Between Tirumayam – Pudukattai stations near Namanasamudram, at km 463/700-800 has already been closed during June-2020 duly providing diversion road to Manned LC no 385 at km 463/000-100. Provision of Subway could not be considered due to existence of huge water body nearer to the closed LC no 386, as also the very low height of track formation. Due to above reasons Subway is not feasible.</p>
23.0	Request for stoppage of Pallavan and Rameswaram Express Trains at Thirumayam Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Provision of stoppage for Pallavan and Rameswaram Express at Tirumayam is not commercially justified .</p> <p>T.No. 02605/06 Chennai Egmore- Karaikudi Pallavan Express, T.No. 06851/06852 & 02605 /02606 Chennai Egmore- Rameswaram Expresses are stopping at Pudukkottai which is only 15.72 kms from Tirumayam station.</p>
24.0	Request for construction of Railway Bridge at Sriram Nagar Gate LC 411 between Chettinad and Karaikudi Railway Stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The request is for provision ROB at Railway km 489/300-400 in between Chettinad and Karaikudi on Tiruchchirappalli–Manamadurai section of Madurai Division. The Traffic density at this level crossing is 116820 Train Vehicle Units as on March’ 2019, hence, this level crossing qualifies for replacement by a ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis. The State Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No.Lr.No.LC 411/2018/AE-1/dated 23.07.2019 had Sponsored the ROB work for the above LC on Cost sharing basis. The ROB proposal forwarded to Railway Board in Works Programme 2021-22 and was not approved. This ROB work will be processed again for inclusion in Railway’s works Programme 2022-2023 for sanction.</p>
25.0	Request for Battery Car and Automatic wheel chair facilities at all railway stations in Sivaganga Constituency.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Expression of Interest called for provision of Battery operated car at SVGA on 30.07.21 but there was no response received. At present, wheel chairs are available near SM office at all railway stations for the use of travelling public. However, efforts will be taken to provide Battery operated car through CSR.</p>

26.0	Request for stoppage of Chennai-Rameswaram, Chennai-Sengottai and Chennai-Virudhunagar trains at Chettinad Railway Stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Stoppages for these trains have not been provided as they are poorly patronised.</p> <p>All the above trains have a scheduled stoppage at Karaikkudi Jn which is at 11 kms from Chettinad.</p>
27.0	Request for restoration of T.No.56707/708 Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai Passenger train.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Passenger trains will be resumed in a phased manner.</p>
28.0	Request for restoration of Train No.76837 and 76838 Virudhunagar-Karaikudi-Tiruchchirappalli Passenger Train.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train no. 06885/06886 Virudunagar karaikudi unreserved DEMU express has been notified for operation w.e.f 10.11.2021</p>
29.0	Request for operation of T.No. 04816 Rameswaram-Jodhpur Superfast Express presently is now being operated from TPJ has to be operate from Rameswaram and provision of stoppage at Karaikudi and Sivagangai to be provided.
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.14815/14816 was earlier being operated between Tambaram-Bhagat-ki-kothi. After the ZBTT exercise the train has been extended upto Tiruchchirappalli.</p>
30.0 & 32.0	<p>Request for stoppage of Train No.06618(Coimbatore-Rameswaram) at Sivagangai Railway Station. And Request to convert Weekly Train No.16618/16619 (Rameswaram-Coimbatore via Karaikudi and Sivaganga) as Daily train.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> T.No.06618 Coimbatore – Rameswaram (Weekly) train: stoppage at Sivagangai has been withdrawn as it is poorly patronised night stoppage.</p> <p>T.No. 16618/16617 Coimbatore- Rameswaram (weekly) Express is integrated with T.No. 16614/16613 Coimbatore-Rajkot (Weekly) Express. Hence increasing the frequency to daily is not feasible.</p>

31.0	Request for additional coaches in Chennai-Sengottai Silambu Express Train.
	<u>Response:</u> Due to terminal constraints at Chennai Egmore, increasing the number of coaches is not feasible.
33.0	Request to extend Train No.12264-12263 Trichi-Howrah weekly train upto Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> T.No.12663/12664 Tiruchchirappalli- Howrah Express undergoes primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli. Hence its extension to Karaikkudi is not feasible.
34.0	Request for Operation of T.No. 06015/06016 Ernakulam- Velankanni Spl as Daily via Karaikudi, Pattukottai and Tiruvarur.
	<u>Response:</u> A proposal for introduction of a Bi-weekly Express train from Ernakulam to Velankanni via Kollam, Sengottai, Virudunagar, Manamadurai, Karaikudi, Aranthangi, Pattukottai, Tiruturaipundi, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Velankanni has been minuted in the IRTTC meeting -2021.
35.0	Request to provide South Indian Food at the Mobile Canteens of Express train running from Rameswaram to other states
	<u>Response:</u> As per extant policy guidelines of Board only "Ready to Eat food" is supplied to passengers in trains.
36.0	Request to restore supply of Linen in AC Coaches
	<u>Response:</u> As per the extant Railway Board instructions, Linen supply is not done to Passengers in Trains due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Further direction in this regard is awaited from Railway Board.
37.0	Request to open Nattarasankottai Railway Station early
	<u>Response:</u> Nattarasankottai is situated between Sivagangai (6 Kms) and Panangudi (8 Kms). Feasibility of opening the station is under examination.
	<u>NEW TRAINS</u>
38.0	Request to introduce new train from Rameswaram to Bangalore
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board

39.0	Request to extend Train running between Palakkad and Trichy upto Karaikudi or Manamadurai
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
40.0	Request to run new day time Antyodaya train from Chennai Tambaram to Sengottai via Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai
	<u>Response:</u> Timings for a Tri-weekly Express between Tambaram -Sengottai via Villupuram, Mayiladuturai, Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai, Virudunagar, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board.
41.0	Request to run day time additional trains from Tiruchchirappalli and Manamadurai
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board
42.0	Request to run new train from Tiruvarur to Madurai via Karaikudi, Sivagangai, Manamadurai
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
43.0	Request to restore train from Chennai-Tirunelveli which was running from Trichi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Virudhunagar
	<u>Response:</u> Timings for a Tri-weekly Express between Tambaram -Sengottai via Villupuram, Mayiladuturai, Tiruvarur, Pattukottai, Aranthangi, Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Aruppukottai, Virudunagar, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi have been finalised and submitted to Railway Board.
	<u>NEW ROUTES</u>
44.0	Request for new track from Karaikudi to Madurai via Thirupattur
	<u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Madurai via Melur and Thirupattur (85.70 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 27/11/2014. ROR: (-) 7.742% The Abstract Cost of the Project is Rs.649.5 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.

45.0	Request for new track from Karaikudi to Tuticorin via Devakottai and Ramanathapuram.
	<u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Tuticorin via Devakkottai and Ramanathapuram (214.81 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 30.08.2011. ROR – (-) 8.297%. The Abstract Cost of the Project is Rs.878.82 Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board. (CAO/CN/MS)
46.0	Request for new track from Karaikudi to Dindukal via Natham.
	<u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Karaikkudi and Dindigul via Thirupattur and Natham (105.60 km) was conducted and Survey Report was sent to Railway Board on 06.07.2015. ROR(-) 10.647%. The abstract cost of the Project: Rs.1314.29Cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.
47.0	Request for new track from Manaparai to Rameswaram via Ponamravathi, Thirupatthur, Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> No Survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
48.0	Request new track from Madurai to Thondi.
	<u>Response:</u> No survey has been sanctioned by Railway Board.
	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
49.0	Request to develop Pit line facilities and Coaching Depot at Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Tiruchchirappalli Jn, Madurai Jn & Rameswaram cater to the traffic needs of Karaikudi area adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Karaikudi as of now.

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	Shri Kathir Anand, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Vellore Constituency
1.0	<u>Vaniyambadi:</u>
	One minute halt in both directions at Vaniyambadi
	a) Mumbai kanyakumari 06381/06382
	b) Nagarcoil -Mumbai Express 06339/06340
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of additional stoppage will slow down the trains. Moreover, T.No.16381/16382 Pune - Kanniyakumari express stops at Jolarpettai station which is only 15 kms away from Vaniyambadi. Similarly T.No.06339/40 stops at Tirupattur which is 24 kms away.
	c) Sanghamithra Express 02295/02296
	d) Lalbagh Express 02607/02608
	e) Bengaluru -Tirupati Intercity Express 06195/06196
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of additional stoppage will slow down the trains. However, T.No.12295/12296 KSR Bengaluru – Danapur Sangamitra Express and T.No.22618/22617 KSR Bengaluru – Tirupati Express stop at Jolarpettai station which is only 15 kms away from Vaniyambadi. T.No.12607/12608 MGR Chennai Central – KSR Bengaluru Express stops at Ambur and Jolarpettai stations which are only 16 kms and 15 kms away from Vaniyambadi respectively.
2.0	A Lift or Escalator to go to platform 2 & 3 from platform 1.
	<u>Response:</u> The average footfall at Vaniyambadi station is below 25000 per day and hence it is not possible to provide Escalator as per Railway Board norms. Feasibility will be examined to provide a lift at the station.
3.0	Canteen facility in platform that will benefit long distance passenger. At present no canteen.
	<u>Response:</u> Tender will be initiated for provision of catering unit at Vaniyambadi.

4.0	Long pending demand of a flyover bridge which needs to be constructed at Vaniyambadi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> LC No.80 ROB (Vaniyambadi gate) between Vaniyambadi and Ambur has been sanctioned and girder are ready to be placed and work is held up due to Land acquisition issue dealt by NHAI on upline side. Work foreclosed due to LA issues of State Government and public agitation. Further communication from the state Government on LA is awaited for restarting the work.</p> <p>LC No.81 RUB km.198 at Vaniyambadi yard. Work terminated due LA issue from the state Government and water seepages from Municipality drainage. Further communication from the state Government on LA and diversion of drains are awaited for restarting the work. However, it is understood from Highway side that LA notice have been issued and TDC from LA is 21-12-2021.</p>
5.0	Coach display board should be set up in railway station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The available coach display board is not functioning presently and has been taken up for repair. Provision of a new display at Vaniyambadi station is being proposed for sanction.</p>
6.0	Passengers are suffering in rain and sun because of there is no roof in railway platforms.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Vaniyambadi is a NSG5 category station. As against the norm of 100sq mts of platform shelter, VN has provided with 971 sq mts. Additional platforms shelter will be provided as per availability of funds. Two lifts has already been sanctioned.</p>
	<u>AMBUR:</u>
7.0	Ambur railway station need to be upgrade with new amenities(Toilet, Escalator).
	<p><u>Response:</u> Ambur is a NSG 5 category station. As against the norm of 4 lavatories and 4 urinals, it has been provided with 7 lavatories and 5 urinals.</p>
8.0	Need an escalator for Ambur Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Two lifts have already been sanctioned one at PF-1 and other at PF 2&3 and TDC is September 2022.</p>

9.0	Requesting a battery car for physically challenged passengers and Senior Citizens.
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of battery operated car with driver under sponsorship/CSR is being explored.
10.0	Ambur railway station waiting hall need to be extended.
	<u>Response:</u> As against the norm of 30 sq.m. for waiting hall, 75 sq.m. has been provided at the waiting hall in Ambur.
11.0	Passengers are lacking of two wheeler parking. Kindly arrange the parking facility.
	<u>Response:</u> Ambur has an identified area of 204 sq.m. for two-wheeler parking. Tender is under process for fixing the agency. Presently, open parking space is available at Ambur.
12.0	Passengers are suffering in rain and sun because of there is no roof in Railway Platform.
	<u>Response:</u> As against the norm of 100 sqm for platform shelter, 1039 sqm has been provided. Additional shelter will be provided as per availability of funds.
	<u>GUDIYATHAM</u>
13.0	Lalbagh which I already mentioned for Vaniyambadi doesn't make a stop at Gudiyattam as well.
	<u>Response:</u> T.No. 12607/12608 MGR Chennai Central – KSR Bengaluru Lalbagh Express stops at Katpadi and Ambur stations which are only 25 kms and 27 kms away from Gudiyattam respectively. Moreover the provision of additional stoppage will slow down this superfast train.
	<u>KATPADI:</u>
14.0	Grand the permission to laying a paving block under Railway Bridge for the road passing through Koranthangal.
	<u>Response:</u> The available Railway bridge is a waterway bridge, and it is not a road and not meant for vehicles.

15.0	Grand the permission to laying a paving block under Railway Bridge for the road passing through Karnampet.
	Response: The site has a road over bridge. The said Railway bridge is a waterway bridge, and it is not a road and not meant for vehicles.
16.0	Daily train from Katpadi to Tirunelveli, Nagarcoil and Madurai is necessary.
	Response: The request of Hon'ble MP for introduction of a new train is noted. The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
17.0	Train from Vellore to Chennai beach Fee from Rs.35.00 Reducing the double collection of Rs.60.00 in ticket as Express and charging old fees will help the beneficiaries travelling daily.
	Response: T.No.06033/06034 MSB-VLR-MSB train is notified and operated as fully unreserved express train (MEMU) and hence fare applicable to express trains is collected. Fare applicable to passenger train will be collected as and when the train is notified as a passenger train.
18.0	The long pending demand of the people of Vellore district is that the express train from Rameswaram- Vellore- Tirupati runs three days a week and should be operated daily.
	Response: A proposal to increase in frequency of T.No. 16779/16780 Rameswaram – Tirupati Express from thrice a week to 4 days a week has been sent to Railway Board. Converting this train as daily is not feasible as this train is running in an integrated rake link with T.No.22621/22622 Rameswaram – Kanniyakumari Tri-Weekly Express.
19.0	A One Minute Halt in both directions at Ambur for Mumbai-Kanyakumari (Train No.06381/06382) Paalakad- Chennai 02651/02652, Chennai- Sainagar Shirdi 22601.
	Response: The provision of additional stoppage for long distance trains will slow down the trains. However T.No. 16381/16382 Kanniyakumari - Pune Express and T.No. 22601/22602 MGR Chennai Central – Sainagar Shirdi Express stop at Jolarpettai station which is 31 kms away from Ambur. T.No. 12651/12652 MGR Chennai Central – Palghat Express stops at Gudiyattam and Jolarpettai stations which are only 27 kms and 31 kms away from Ambur respectively. T.No 22601/22602 MGR Chennai Central – Sainager Shirdi Express runs with tight timings and the train will lose its superfast nature on provision of additional stoppage.

20.0	<p>Trivandrum Express 12695/12696 Kovai Express 12675/12676 LalBagh Express 12607/12608 Brindavan Express 12639/12640</p> <p>Will be very useful for middle class people if they halt one minute at Gudiyatham railway station.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> The provision of additional stoppage for long distance trains will slow down these trains.</p> <p>However T.No.12695/12696 MGR Chennai Central – Trivandrum express stops at Katpadi stations which is 24 kms away from Gudiyattam.</p> <p>T.No.12675/12676 MGR Chennai Central – Coimbatore Express, T.No.12607/12068 MGR Chennai Central – KSR Bengaluru Express and T.No.12639/12640 MGR Chennai Central – KSR Bengaluru Express stop both at Katpadi and Ambur stations which are only 24 kms and 27 kms away from Gudiyattam respectively.</p>
21.0	<p>Need a flyover bridge at Latteri Level crossing.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> ROB work in lieu of LC No.57 @ Rly Km.136/32-34 at Latteri Yard in Arakkonam – Jolarpettai section of Chennai Division has been sanctioned in Pink Book in 2018-19 (Pink book item No.371 of PB 20201-21) on cost sharing basis (50:50) with state Govt of Tamilnadu.</p> <p>Subsequently State Govt vide letter No.G.O(Ms.) No.107 dt. 10.10.2019 has proposed deletion of this ROB work stating that National Highways Wing(NH) is proposing ROB at Railway 700m away from this LC No.57 at NH cost. Hence this ROB Work has been deleted from Pink book 2021-22 as recommended by State Govt.</p> <p>Once ROB Proposal receives from NH, further action will be taken by Railways.</p>
22.0	<p>Yelgiri Express 06089/06090</p> <p>Will be very useful for middle class people if they halt one minute at Viringipuram Railway Station.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Stoppage of T.No.16089/16090 MGR Chennai Central – Jolarpettai Yelagiri Express at Virinchipuram is not commercially justified. Moreover the platforms at Virinjipuram are not adequate to hold this full length train. Hence provision of stoppage is not feasible.</p> <p>However, T.No. 16089/16090 MGR Chennai Central – Jolarpettai Yelagiri Express stops at Katpadi which is 13 kms away from Virinjipuram.</p>

	<u>KATPADI STATION:</u>
23.0	Stoppage of T.No 12673 MGR Chennai Central – Coimbatore Cheran Express at Katpadi railway station.
	<u>Response:</u> The provision of additional stoppage will slow down this superfast train.
24.0	Restoration of passengers trains from Katpadi to Villupuram, Katpadi to Arakkonam
	<u>Response:</u> Passenger trains are being restored in a phased manner.
25.0	Running of Yelagiri Express as unreserved train.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No. 06089/90 MAS-JTJ-MAS was reintroduced as fully reserved train. Considering the demand from rail users, 6 GS coaches of this train has been made as "Unreserved" w.e.f. 01.11.2021.
26.0	Inter City Express train from Chennai to Madurai during the day should be arranged via Katpadi Salem Dindigul and Karur.
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for provision of introduction of trains are vested with Railway Board. Moreover the terminal constraints at Chennai Central precludes the introduction of additional trains.
27.0	The passenger train running from Erode to Jolarpet should be extended to Katpadi.
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.

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	Shri K. Navaskani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ramanathapuram Constituency.
1.0	Request for stoppage of Trains at Ramanathapuram and Mandapam Stations.
	(i) Rameshwaram-Varanasi Superfast Express
	(ii) Train Nos.06793/06794 at Ramanathapuram
	(iii) Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram (Train No.02205) at Mandapam
	(iv) RMM-BBS Festival Special (Train Nos.08495-08496) at Mandapam
	(v) BSBS-RMM Festival Special (Train Nos.05119) at Mandapam
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>1) The stoppage at Mandapam for T.No.02205 (22661) Chennai Egmore-Rameswaram Express has been eliminated as it is a poorly patronised night stoppage.</p> <p>2) T.No.06793 / 06794 (16793 / 16794) Rameswaram – Faizabad - Rameswaram Express is a long distance train and provision of additional stoppage will slow down the train.</p> <p>3) T.No.08495/08496 Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar-Rameswaram (Wkly) Express and T.No.05119/05120 Rameswaram-Banaras (Wkly) Express are long-distance trains and provision of additional stoppages will slow them down. Moreover there is no commercial justification for provision of stoppages for additional trains at Mandapam.</p>
2.0	(i) Request to operate train between Mayiladuthurai to Karaikudi via Aranthangi and Rameswaram to Egmore via Aranthangi on the same road
	(ii) Request to operate train between Mayiladuthuri to Madurai via Aranthangi and Ramewaram to Tambaram via Aranthangi, Karaikudi and Tiuruvarur
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>i) Train No.06197/06198 Tiruvaur – Karaikudi - Tiruvarur Unreserved DEMU Express special via Aranthangi – Pattukottai – Thiruthuraipoondi is being operated with effect from 04.08.2021.</p> <p>ii) Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>

3.0	Change of yard to Mandapam in place of Rameswaram
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present, the maintenance facilities available at Rameswaram caters to the traffic needs of the section adequately. There is no operational need for provision of a pit line at Mandapam or for shifting the coaching yard from Rameswaram. Further, to ensure uninterrupted passenger services even during bad weather, a new Pamban Bridge is under construction.</p>
4.0	Request to extend Platform length duly increasing the height at Mandapam and Uchipuli stations to accommodate more coaches.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Mandapam is an NSG6 category Station on MNM-RMM section. This station is provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms. Both the PF No.1 & 2/3 are presently provided with Medium Level PF. A work for raising the PF to High Level has already been sanctioned under Umbrella work and agency is also available. However, the work is planned to be executed in June-2022 due to non-availability of Earth. Further, a work for extending the PF by 60 m has been sanctioned under umbrella sanction of 2020-21 and the same will be taken up early.</p> <p>Uchipuli is an NSG6 category Station as per revised categorization. Both the PF No.1 & 2 are already High Level and the length of the PF is 405 m which is adequate to hold the longest stopping train at this Station.</p>
5.0	Request to set up Railway Station at Thangachmadam
	<p><u>Response:</u> The Thangachimadam town is located 1.5 km from the existing Pamban Crossing station which is operationally not feasible for a new Halt station near the existing crossing station. Moreover, the Division has been advised to study the feasibility of providing one Halt station near Peikarumbu where Dr. Abdul Kalam Memorial place is located 6 km from Pamban and 4 km from Rameswaram. Regarding utilization of 30 acres of railway land for setting up of a yard for shunting and maintenance of Coaches, already maintenance facilities are available at Rameswaram to cater to the present requirement of operations and this will be considered in future when need arises.</p>
6.0	Request to resume halt of passenger trains at Vaalantharavai and Mandapam Camp Railway stations.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The stoppages for Passenger trains at Valantaravai and Mandapam Camp Stations has been provided.</p>

7.0	Request to replace dilapidated Coaches of Rameswram-Chennai Trains
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No. 02205/02206 & 06851/06852 are the two Trains running between Rameswaram and Chennai. Better coaches will be replaced in these trains and efforts will be taken to improve the condition of coaches during maintenance.</p>
8.0	Request for appointment of Gate Keepers
	<p><u>Response:</u> Railway board has recently decided to extend the scheme of engagement of Ex- Serviceman on contract basis for further period of one year beyond May 2021, up to May 2022. It has been advised that engagement should be made in the category of Gatemen only with the stipulation that such engagement be restricted to actual number of gateman already engaged or 50% of vacancy, whichever is less.</p> <p>Accordingly, this has initiated the process of reengaging and posting of the 142 Ex-Servicemen as Gatekeepers as per current requirement over the division and same will be completed as early as possible.</p>
9.0	Request for resumption of train service between Chennai Egmore and Karaikudi
	<p><u>Response:</u> Introduction of new trains is a policy matter which comes under the purview of Railway Board.</p>

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	Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Perambalur Constituency
1.0	Request to update and start construction of Railway line from Ariyalur-Perambalur-Thuraiyur-Namakkal .
	<u>Response:</u> Updating Reconnaissance Engineering Cum Traffic Survey for a new line between Ariyalur and Namakkal via Perambalur, Turaiyur, Tattayangarpettai for 108 km has been sanctioned by Railway Board vide letter dated 08.08.2018. Field Survey has been completed. Abstract estimate is under process.
2.0	Request for stoppage of Guruvayur Express, Mangalore Express, Rameswaram Express at Lalgudi Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Stoppage for additional trains at Lalgudi is commercially not justified. At present three pairs of express and two pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Lalgudi.
3.0	(i) Request for digitalization of Kulithalai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Considering the Railway Board norms and the present level of Traffic, the provision of Electronic Train Indication Board at Kulithalai railway station is not feasible at this point.
	(ii) Request for construction of Railway underpass near Valandhur in Kulithalai for public usage.
	<u>Response:</u> Feasibility study for construction of new Subway at Valandhur in Kulithalai was conducted by Railway Officials along with State Govt, officials (Thasildar and RDO of Kulithalai) on 18.09.2021 and found that construction of Subway is "Not Feasible" at the proposed location.
4.0	Request for stoppage of Myladuthurai to Coimbatore and Coimbatore to Myladuthurai trains at Kulithalai Railway station
	<u>Response:</u> Stoppage of additional trains at Kulithalai is commercially not justified.

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	Shri S.S. Palanimanickam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Thanjavur Constituency
1.0	Regarding conversion of Tiruchchirappalli -Chennai Cholan Express to Superfast Express as track has been electrified
	<p><u>Response:</u> In order to speed up Train No. 16795 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchchirappalli Cholan express the departure of the train at Chennai Egmore is being revised to 07:15 hrs. The arrival time at Tiruchchirappalli will be 14:45 hrs. The train has been speed up by 30 minutes when compared to the pre-COVID timings.</p> <p>In the return direction the arrival time of Train No.16796 Tiruchchirappalli-Chennai Egmore Cholan express is being revised to 17:30 hrs at Chennai Egmore. This train has been speeded by up 35 minutes when compared to the pre-COVID running time.</p> <p>The revised timings will take effect from 01.12.2021.</p> <p>The powers for operation of additional trains in this route is vested with Railway Board.</p>
2.0	(i) Operation of Tiruchchirappalli-Thiruvananthapuram Inter city thrice a week
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for extension of trains are vested with Railway Board.</p>
	(ii) Resumption of train services in the Chennai – Karaikudi sector. Operating trains between Chennai and Karaikudi during day and night time
	(iii) Request for two day and night trains between Karaikudi-Chennai and Chennai-Karaikudi
	<p><u>Response:</u> All trains connecting Karaikudi and Chennai have resumed.</p>

(iv) Regarding Operation of Mayiladuthurai-Karaikudi Passenger Train

RESPONSE:

The rake of Train No.06541 Mayiladuthurai – Tiruvarur unreserved express special further operates as Train No.06197 Tiruvarur – Karaikudi unreserved express special from Tiruvarur to Karaikudi. This holds good in the return direction as well. The timings are as under.

Train No.	From-To	Dep	Arr	Train No.	From-To	Dep	Arr
06541	Mayiladuthurai – Tiruvarur DEMU Exp. Spl.	06:45 hrs	07:45 hrs	06197	Tiruvarur – Karaikudi DEMU Exp. Spl.	08:15 hrs	13:55 hrs
06198	Karaikudi – Tiruvarur DEMU Exp. Spl.	14:30 hrs	20:10 hrs	06542	Tiruvarur – Mayiladuthurai DEMU Exp. Spl.	20:15 hrs	21:15 hrs

(v) Regarding Shifting of Goods Yard to Alangudi.

Response:

The line capacity at Thanjavur is two full length line with concrete Goods shed platform in between. Handling 22 rakes per month, both inward and outward with facilities required for labour. Hence, with the present level of traffic, there is no requirement for shifting of Goods shed from Thanjavur to Alankudi.

(vi) To make old Aiyanaapuram Railway Station as full-fledged one.

Response:

Aiyanaapuram is presently a Halt station situated in between Solagampatti at a distance of 7Kms and Budalur at a distance of 5kms. This station is also an IBS which is adequate for Line capacity requirements over the section.

The Passenger Amenities as per Railway Board directives are also provided at Aiyanaapuram Station.

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	Shri S. Ramalingam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mayiladuthurai Constituency
1.0	Request to operate Train Nos.56821/56822 Mayiladuthurai-Tirunelveli upto Madurai
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train No.56821 Mayiladuthurai – Tirunelveli passenger used to run as an independent train upto Dindugal. Thereafter at Dindugal, it used to amalgamate with Train No.56825 Erode – Tirunelveli Passenger and run as a combined train upto Tirunelveli. Similarly in the return direction, the combined train from Tirunelveli used to bifurcate at Dindugal and run as two independent trains, one to Mayiladuthurai and the other to Erode. During the ZBTT exercise all link trains have been cancelled in the interest of safety by Railway Board.</p> <p>In the ZBTT exercise Erode – Tirunelveli passenger has been upgraded as Express and Operated as an independent train. The Mayiladuthurai portion has also been upgraded as Express and operated as an independent train between Mayiladuthurai and Dindugal. Connectivity has been provided at Dindugal for passengers travelling from Mayiladuthurai to Tirunelveli by Erode – Tirunelveli Express. This arrangement holds good in the return direction as well.</p>
2.0	Request to recommend Railway Board again to run direct train between Thanjavur and Mumbai CST
	<p><u>Response:</u> Powers for Introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. However the following connectivity to Mumbai is available.</p> <p>A. The following trains providing connectivity to Mumbai are available from Tiruchchirappalli which is 49.81Kms from Thanjavur.</p> <p>(I) Train.No.11043 / 11044 (New No.22101 / 22102)LokmanyaTilak – Madurai Weekly Express</p> <p>(II) Train.No.16351 / 16352Nagercoil – Mumbai Bi weekly Express</p> <p>B. Train No.11017 / 11018 LokmanyaTilak – Karaikal Weekly Express providing connectivity to Mumbai is available from Mayiladuthurai which is 31.21 Kms from Kumbakonam</p>

3.0	Request for provision of stoppage of Train No.16231/16232 Mayiladuthurai-Mysuru Express and restoration of Train No.16105/16106 Chendur express at Papanasam
	<u>Response</u> During the ZBTT exercise, the stoppage at Papanasam station for the trains mentioned by the Hon'ble MP was eliminated due to poor patronage.
4.0	Request for provision of stoppage of Mayiladuthurai-Trichy special train at Tiruvidaimarudur & Thirunageswaram
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of stoppage of MV-TPJ special train at Tiruvidamarudur and Thirunageswaram is under consideration.
5.0	Request for provision of stoppage of all express trains at Sirkali.
	<u>Response:</u> At present 17 express trains are provided stoppage at Sirkazhi. Provision of stoppage for additional express trains at Sirkazhi is commercially not justified.
6.0	Request to convert Train No.16779/16780 Rameswaram-Tirupathy Express as daily
	<u>Response:</u> Increase in frequency of Train No.16779 / 16780 Rameswaram – Tirupathi Tri weekly Express to four days a week was proposed in IRTTC 2021. Further increase in frequency to daily is not possible as the train shares common path between Tiruchchirappalli and Villupuram with Train No.16862 Kaniyakumari – Pudhuchery Weekly Express and common path between Katpadi and Mayiladuthurai with Train No.17407 Tirupathi – Mannargudi Tri Weekly express.
7.0	Request to regularise weekly express Train No.07685/07686 between Secunderabad and Rameswaram as bi-weekly train in the same route
	<u>Response</u> A new weekly train between Hyderabad and Rameswaram is minuted in the IRTTC 2021.
8.0	Request to introduce a new train between Chennai Egmore and Tuticorin via Mayiladuthurai, Kumbakonam, Madurai.
	<u>Response</u> Train No. 16191 / 16192 Tambaram – Nagercoil Anthyodaya Daily express connects Mayiladuthurai, Kumbakonam with Southern districts of Tamilnadu. Additional trains in this route are not feasible due to path constraints in the Villupuram – Thanjavur single line section.

9.0	Request to introduce a new daily express train to connect delta District
	<u>Response</u> The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
10.0	Request to introduce a new overnight express between Mayiladuthurai and Guruvayur duly sharing rakes of Train No.16127/16128 Chennai-Guruvayur express via Thanjavur, Trichy, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore and Palakkad.
	<u>Response</u> The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
11.0	Request for stoppage of Train Nos.16795/16796 and 16106 express at Mambalam.
	<u>Response</u> Mambalam station is located 6.97Kms from Chennai Egmore and is well connected by Suburban EMUs. Moreover, extant policy of Railway Board does not permit provision of stoppage of additional Express Trains at Stations served by suburban EMUs.
12.0	Request to introduce MEMU trains in lieu of conventional passenger trains in Tiruchchirappalli-Mayiladuthurai and Mayiladuthurai-Villupuram Sections
	<u>Response</u> All conventional passenger trains will be progressively replaced by MEMU's.
13.0	Request to establish MEMU shed in Trichy Division
	<u>Response</u> The maintenance of MEMU rakes will be done in the existing facilities at TPJ with slight modifications.
14.0	Request to establish Coach Maintenance Depot or other production unit duly using 40 acres of vacant railway land near Tirunageswaram Railway station
	<u>Response</u> The maintenance needs of Trichy Division are adequately catered to by the depots at Trichy and Villupuram stations. Originating/Terminating Trains are also maintained at Chennai Egmore/Tambaram in passenger links. There is no operational need for coaching maintenance depot in Tirunageswaram at present.
15.0	Request for sanction of fund for Thanjavur-Villupuram Doubling works.
	<u>Response:</u> There is no sanction for double line between Thanjavur and Villupuram.

16.0	Request for provision of escalator facility at Mayiladuthurai and Kumbakonam stations
	<p><u>Response:</u> As per Railway Board's policy guidelines, minimum required footfall for provision of Escalator is 25,000 per day.</p> <p>The footfall of Mayiladuthurai and Kumbakonam Railway stations does not meet the requisite criteria on the above.</p> <p>Hence, both Railway stations are does not qualify for provision of Escalators at this stage.</p>
17.0	Request to make arrangements to introduce Battery car in Mayiladuthurai Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> There was no response to the notice dated 16/08/2021, inviting applications for Expression Of Interest (EOI) to install, operate and maintain free Battery operated car service at Mayiladuthurai Railway Station.</p> <p>Similarly there was no response to the notices dated 06.06.2017, 10.11.2017 and 04.01.2019 invited for providing paid battery car service at Mayiladuthurai Railway Board has exhorted to proliferate the provision of BOC at important Railway stations under the following modes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicity route- free of cost for passenger - Service provider meets the cost through revenue from commercial advertisements. 2. User pays route: Passengers pay for services rendered. 3. CSR route: Free of cost for passengers. <p>The first two avenues were explored to no avail. If a sponsor comes forward to provide, operate and maintain a BOC at Mayiladuthurai station, the same would be accepted. Provision of BOC through MPLADs is also accepted.</p>
18.0	Request to allot fund for Mayiladuthurai-Tharangambadi-Karaikkal Broad Gauge conversion work
	<p><u>Response</u> As on date, there is no sanction of Ministry of Railways.</p>
19.0	Request to introduce Mayiladuthurai-Tiruchirappalli Express (16233/16234)
	<p><u>Response</u> Railway Board has been requested for resumption of Train No. 16233/16234 Mayiladuthurai-Tiruchirappalli Express.</p>

20.0	Request to operate unreserved passenger train service between Mayiladuthurai-Villupuram section
	<u>Response</u> Train No.06689/06694 VM-MV-VM (Daily) Un-reserved Express Special has been notified for operation w.e.f 10-11-2021.
21.0	Request to acquire a small piece of land towards Peralam side for receiving trains from Thiruvarur side in Platform 3, 4 & 5 of Mayiladuthurai section
	<u>Response</u> Division has been directed to examine the proposal.
22.0	Request for LUS of fencing removal between Ayyampettai feeder road and Arimangai Village
	<u>Response</u> Fencing has been provided in view of safety to avoid trespassing. Provision of LUS is not technically feasible. Fencing has been provided in view of safety to avoid trespassing of Track. The Request is for provision of LUS is not in lieu of LC but at a specific location. However, a proposal for RUB/Subway in the nearby location can be considered only under Deposit Terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. Till date no proposal on deposit term is received from State Government.
23.0	Request for construction of sub way near Thiruvaidaimarudur Railway Station towards the Elementary School and Thiruvaduthurai Adhinam High School
	<u>Response:</u> Provision of LUS is not technically feasible. The request is for provision of LUS is not in lieu of LC but at a specific location. However, a proposal for RUB/Subway in the nearby location can be considered only under Deposit Terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. Till date no proposal on deposit term is received from State Government
24.0	Since there is no fax facility for sending emergency quota in and around, it will be use fill when maid id facility is given for public use.
	<u>Response:</u> One Fax machine is available exclusively for EQ cell/TPJ- 0431 2418992. Provision of e-mail id to receive EQ is not operationally feasible.

25.0	Request to operate Karaikkal-Salem-Bangalore passenger train immediately
	<u>Response:</u> Railway Board has been requested for resumption of Train No.56513 / 56514 Karaikal – Bengaluru passenger [now upgraded as Express train].
26.0	Request for Extension of Roof Shelter in the Railway platform for 50 meters in the Papanasam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Papanasam is an NSG5 category Railway station on Mayiladuthurai Jn. – Thanjavur section of Tiruchchirappalli Division. Tender under finalization for provision of IRS type PF shelters (4 bays each) at Papanasam (PML) station along with other two stations. Fabrication of PF shelters being done departmentally is in progress. Upon finalization of agency, the same will be executed TDC 31.03.2022.
27.0	Doubling of Thanjavur – Villupuram Railway Section early approval.
	<u>Response:</u> Preliminary Engineering Survey for Doubling between Villupuram-Mayiladuthurai- Thanjavur (193 km) was sanctioned by Railway Board vide letter No.2018/W-1/DL/Sy/SR/VT dated 04/01/2019. Field Survey work has been completed. Alignment is finalized. Report will be sent to Railway Board after completing administrative formalities.
28.	Request to introduce new intercity express train service between Trichy and Chennai Egmore stations via mainline
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.06795 / 06796 Chennai Egmore- Tiruchchirappalli- Chennai Egmore Cholan Express specials provide day time connectivity between Chennai Egmore and Tiruchchirappalli. Train No. 06795 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchchirappalli Cholan Express special has been speeded up by 30 minutes and will arrive Tiruchchirappalli at 14:45hrs. Similarly in the return direction, Train No.06796 Tiruchchirappalli - Chennai Egmore Cholan express has been speeded by up 35 minutes and will reach Chennai Egmore at 17:30hrs. These revised timings will come in to force from 01.12.2021.

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	Shri M. Selvaraj, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Nagapattinam Constituency
1.0	Request for posting of Gatemen in Tiruvarur-Karaikudi route and start service
	<u>Response:</u> As per the extant recent Railway Board instructions the scheme for engagement of Ex-service man has been extended. Accordingly TPJ Division has initiated the process within the framework of policy instructions of RB for re-engagement of 142 Ex-servicemen as Gate Keepers and will be completed at the earliest possible.
	<u>EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES</u>
2.0	Request to erect primary Maintenance Centre at Tiruvarur.
	<u>Response:</u> The two existing maintenance depots of Tiruchchirappalli division in Villupuram Junction and Tiruchchirappalli Junction cater to the operational requirements of this area. Train services for Tiruvarur will not be affected on this ground. It is therefore advised that there is no need for a pit line at Tiruvarur as of now.
3.0	Request for Express train the early morning and evening hours in both the directions of Karaikal-Chennai
	<u>Response:</u> Karaikudi is connected with Chennai by 03 Daily trains and 03 Non-Daily trains. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train No.12606 / 12605 Karikudi-Chennai Egmore Pallavan Express provides day time connectivity between Chennai and Karaikudi. Due to terminal constraints at Chennai it is not feasible to introduce a new train.
4.0	Request for express in the early morning hours from Velankanni to Kaniyakumari via Tiruvarur, Tanjore, Trichy in up and down directions.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP for a new train between Velankanni and Kaniyakumari is noted. Introduction of new trains is a policy matter to be decided by Railway Board.
5.0	Request for weekly train from Nagore to Ajmer.
	<u>Response:</u> The request of Hon'ble MP for a new train between Nagore and Ajmer is noted. Introduction of new trains is a policy matter to be decided by Railway Board.

	<u>PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES</u>
6.0	Request to operate Tiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai Passenger train in pre-Covid-19 level.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.06541 / 06542 Tiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai unreserved express special has been reintroduced with effect from 30.08.2021. The other passenger trains will also be resumed in due course.
7.0	Request for passenger train from Trichy to Karaikal after 18.00 hrs. from Tiruchchirappalli.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.76859 Vailankanni-Tiruchchirappalli has been proposed to Railway Board for resumption. This Train passes Nagapattinam (17 km from Karaikal) at 7.20 hrs and reaches Tiruchchirappalli at 11.20 hrs. The return service starts from Tiruchchirappalli at 16.30hrs. Introduction of a new train leaving Tiruchchirappalli for Karaikal after 18:00hrs is not feasible due to terminal constraints at Tiruchchirappalli.
8.0	Request to extend Villupuram-Mayiladuthurai trains either to Karaikal or Tiruthuraipoondi.
	<u>Response:</u> All passenger trains running between Villupuram and Mayiladuthurai are running in integrated links, hence extension is not feasible.
	<u>PROPOSED TRAINS</u>
9.0	Request to introduce superfast Try-weekly train from Tambaram to Sengottai via Tiruvarur and Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Timings of a new Tri Weekly Express between Tambaram and Sengottai was finalized and submitted to Railway Board in IRTTC 2021.
10.0	Request to divert Secunderabad-Rameswaram train via Tiruvarur-Thanjavur or Tiruvarur-Pattukotti-Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Secunderabad – Rameswaram holiday special was planned and routed via Mayiladuthurai – Kumbakonam – Tanjore - Tiruchchirappalli for the convenience of passengers including pilgrims visiting these temple towns including Tiruchchirappalli. Changing the route will deprive passengers of this service.
11.0	Request to upgrade Muthupettai Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Muthupettai Railway station is converted as Halt station after Gauge conversion. At present halt agents are engaged to issue unreserved tickets at MTT. As per existing halt policy, provision of PRS facility at halt stations is not feasible.

	<u>STOPPAGES:</u>
12.0	Request to provide stoppage at Koradacherry Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> 05 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Koradacherry station. There is no commercial justification for provision of stoppage of additional trains.
13.0	Request to provide stoppage at Peralam.
	<u>Response:</u> 04 pairs of passenger trains and 03 express trains are stopping at Peralam. There is no commercial justification for provision of stoppage of additional trains.
14.0	Request to provide stoppage at Kizhvelur.
	<u>Response:</u> 04 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Kizhvelur station. There is no commercial justification for provision of stoppage of additional trains.
	<u>ROAD OVER BRIDGES</u>
15.0	Request for Road Over Bridges as railway gates at Needamangalam closed.
	<u>Response:</u> The above ROB, in lieu of LC No.20 in Thanjavur-Thiruvarur section, falls in the National Highways. As per MOU executed between MOR and MORTH, MORTH/NHAI shall construct complete ROB/RUB (including railway bridge portion) on National Highways at their own cost on single entity basis. Therefore, the work has to be executed by NHAI at their own cost. Meanwhile, CE/RSW/SR vide letter No.W352/T/131 dt. 08.10.2021 has advised NHAI to execute the ROB on single entity basis.
16.0	Request for Road Over Bridge in the route of Tiruthuraipoondi-Agastiampalli.
	<u>Response:</u> The request is for Construction of ROB in the routes of Tiruthuraipoondi-Agastiampalli is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.47 at Railway km 4/200-300 in Myladuthurai- Karakudi section of Tiruchchirapalli Division. The traffic density at this level crossing is 21,506 train vehicle units as on March 2019. Since the traffic density at this level crossing is less than 1 lakh train vehicle units, this level crossing does not qualify for its replacement by Road Over Bridge on 50:50 cost sharing basis. The ROB can be considered under deposit terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto. No such proposal has been received from the State Government so far. On receipt of the same, further action in this regard will be taken.

17.0	Request for Road Over Bridge at Kizhvelur - Tiruthuraipoondi Road.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Train Vehicle Unit value in Traffic interlocked level crossing No.40 at Kizhvelur - Thiruthuraipoondi Road does not satisfy for consideration of Road over Bridge proposal.</p> <p>The ROB can be considered under deposit terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto.</p>
	<u>LIMITED USE SUBWAY</u>
18.0	Request for Limited Use Subway at Keerakollari Street, Nagapattinam.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The location where LUS is demanded does not meet technical criteria required for provision of Subway.</p>
19.0	Request to remove water stagnation in Limited Use Subway at Pattinacherry near Nagore.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Drainage improvement works are in progress at this location and will be completed early.</p>
	<u>PARCEL BOOKING OFFICE</u>
20.0	Request to open Parcel Booking Office at Tiruvarur once again.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Re-opening of Parcel office at Tiruvarur is Commercially not feasible. However, luggage booking at Tiruvarur station is functioning to facilitate luggage transportation by passengers.</p>
	<u>DOUBLING OF LINES</u>
21.0	Request for Karaikal-Thanjavur line as doubling.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The present line between Karaikal-Thanjavur adequately caters to the traffic now being carried.</p>
22.0	Need of double line from Karaikal-Tiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai for goods movement.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The present line between Karaikal-Tiruvarur-Mayiladuthurai adequately caters to the traffic now being carried.</p>

23.0	Request to attach 1st Class AC Sleeper in all the Express Trains.
	Response: 1 st Class AC Sleeper coaches are being put into service based on the demand. Presently, major trains running in Southern Railway have been provided with this facility.
24.0	Request to open Tiruturaipoondi Computer Booking Service.
	Response: The station now is now processed as an IUTS location which can cater both reserved and un-reserved tickets.
25.0	Request for sanction of Tiruturaipoondi Ring Road.
	Response: The subject of providing ring road at Tiruturaipoondi is pertaining to State Government. However, if there is any requirement of railway land in laying road, the request may be made by the State Government duly submitting the detailed plan showing the extant of railway land involved with survey numbers and its connectivity with adjoining road so as to take suitable action as per Railway Board's guidelines duly considering the Railway's future requirements.
26.0	Request for Over Bridge at Tiruturaipoondi Town Level crossing.
	Response: The request for ROB at Tiruturaipoondi Town Level crossing is presumed to be in lieu of LC No.47 at Railway km 4/200-300in Myladuthurai-Karaikudi section of Tiruchchirapalli Division. The traffic density at this level crossing is 21,506 train vehicle units as on March 2019. Since the traffic density at this level crossing is less than 1 lakh train vehicle units, this level crossing does not qualify for its replacement by Road Over Bridge on 50:50 cost sharing basis. The ROB can be considered under deposit terms (subject to technical feasibility), provided the State Government/Local Authority agrees to bear the full cost of construction and annual recurring maintenance charges thereto.
27.0	Request for upgradation of Muthupet Station.
	Response: Muthupettai Railway station is situated in TVR-PKT section. Before Gauge conversion, it was a block station having UTS counter but after gauge conversion, it has been converted as a non block station and named as Halt station. At present halt agents are engaged to issue unreserved tickets at MTT. As per existing halt policy, provision of PRS facility at halt stations is not feasible.

28.0	Request to complete Gauge Conversion work from Tiruturaipoondi to Agasthiyampalli.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The Section between Tiruturaipoondi and Agastiyampalli has been targeted for commissioning in the year 2021-22. The earth work is badly delayed from February 2021 to August 2021, because as per Madras High Court Order, no earth quarrying permits were issued. Only after August 2021, some guidelines were issued by State Govt. and now earth quarrying permits are being issued. This earth work activity delayed further works like blanketing, ballast spreading, track linking etc. Now, all works of Gauge Conversion are in advanced stage but the same are affected intermittently due to north-east monsoon. However, all efforts are being made by Railway to complete this project in the year 2021-2022 itself.</p> <p>At six locations (Manakkadu, Santhithopu, Kuravapulam, Arakkattudurai, Ramakrishnapuram, Kollithevu) LUS are requested. At Manakkadu, LUS is provided since there was LC earlier. However, at remaining 5 locations, no LCs were existing hence LUS can be done only on deposit terms.</p>
29.0	Request to improve the VIP lounge, Passenger Waiting Hall, Toilet facilities at Tiruvarur Railway Junction.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Works are under execution and are targeted to be completed by June 2022.</p>
30.0	Request Railway Administration to acquire remaining land of Shri G. Ezhilarasan at Old Survey No.52/1, New town Survey No.34 Ward E, Block No 8, Thillai Ganga Nagar, 4th street, Door No.24/25 Nanganallur, Adambakkam Village. Chennai 600 061.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Land is not directly acquired by Railway administration. Land is acquired through the District revenue authorities of the State Government.</p>
31.0	Computer Booking Service to be opened shortly at Tiruturaipoondi.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Proposal for provision of IUTS terminal at Tiruturaipoondi is under process and will be opened shortly. This will enable issue of both reserved and unreserved tickets.</p>

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	Dr. Thol. Thirumaavalavan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Chidambaram Constituency.
1.0	Request to take necessary action for better utilization of Platform No.1 at Ariyalur Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> For operational reasons trains are being received/dispatched on PF 2 & 3. However on trial basis T.No.06867 (VM-MDU) Spl. started and being dealt on Platform No.1.
2.0	Requesting Railway Authorities to take action by joining with National Highway Authority to form a connecting road to the Ariyalur Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> At present, this Station has two approach roads viz., one from TPJ end and another directly from the Town to the Station. The existing arrangement is adequate for the present level of traffic. Moreover, road connectivity from National Highway is about 1 Km long and there is no railway land available for the same. Also, road connectivity from the old Highway is not feasible, as the land is thickly populated.
3.0	Salem to Virudhachalam trains needs to be extended upto Ariyalur Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Two pairs of Passenger trains, T.Nos 76847/76850 & 76849/76848 are operated between Salem and Virudhachalam and have insufficient lie-over for extension to Ariyalur.
4.0	Request for provision of stoppage of all express trains at Ariyalur Railway Station as New Government Medical College is located.
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for stoppage of trains is vested with Railway Board. However, at present 14 Trains from Villupuram side and 13 Trains from Tiruchchirappalli side are provided with stoppage at Ariyalur. Recently Train No.20481 / 20482 Baghat Ki Kothi – Tiruchchirappalli Humsafar express is provided stoppage at Ariyalur.

5.0	Separate way to be formed to approach the platform for Physically Challenged and Patient Passengers.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The following facilities are available for Physically challenged and patient passengers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ramp is available in front of station 2. Cement concrete paved trolley path for access between platform No.1&2. 3. Separate drinking water tap available. 4. Seating arrangement are available at platforms 5. Parking facilities is available <p>Separate toilets facilities are available at platform No 2&3.</p>
6.0	To provide Over Head Bridge for connection between Platform No.1 and 2 at Ariyalur Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Ariyalur is a NSG5 category station and one Foot Over Bridge is already available connecting all the Platforms (PF 1 & PF2/3) at Ariyalur station.</p>
<u>CHIDAMBARAM RAILWAY STATION</u>	
7.0	Request to continue before Covid–19 status (all eight passenger trains needs to be operated).
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present one pair of passenger train has resumed its service as Unreserved Express Special (Train No.06689/06694) having stoppage at Chidambaram. Remaining trains will be resumed in due course.</p>
8.0	Kamban Express needs to be stopped at Chidambaram Railway Station in both directions.
9.0	Weekly train Shraddha Sethu express needs to be stopped at Chidambaram Railway Station in both directions.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present 14 pairs of express trains are provided with stoppage at Chidambaram. The request of Hon'ble MP is noted.</p>
10.0	Tirupati express needs to be operated 7 days weekly.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The increase in frequency of T.No.16779/16780 Rameswaram –Tirupati Express from thrice a week to 4 days a week has been proposed to Railway Board. Further increase in frequency is not feasible as this train is running in an integrated rake link with T.No.22621/22622 Rameswaram – Kanniyakumari Tri-Weekly Express.</p>

11.0	Platform Roofs to be replaced at Chidambaram Railway Station at the earliest.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Chidambaram is a NSG5 category station. To arrest leakages from the Platform Shelter, necessary work has been planned and will be carried out under Zonal contract. TDC: December 2021.</p>
12.0	To provide clock room and parcel office at Chidambaram Railway Station
	<p><u>Response:</u> <u>Parcel Office:</u> The average daily parcel earnings during 2019-20 at CDM station that stood at Rs.160/- subsequently reduced to Rs.30/- during 2020-21 and hence re-opening of the parcel office is not feasible.</p> <p><u>Cloak Room:</u> Based on the footfall parcel earnings provision of cloak room is not feasible.</p>
13.0	Request for provision of stoppage of Villupuram to Mayiladuthurai express at Parangipettai Railway Station.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The feasibility of provision of stoppage will be examined.</p>
14.0	Request to continue the earlier practice of operating two trains between Villupuram and Mayiladuthurai.
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present one pair of passenger train has resumed its service between Villupuram and Mayiladuthurai as Unreserved Express Special (Train No.06689/06694). Other trains will be resumed in due course.</p>
15.0	To Upgrade and Create all Railway Stations to Modernized Toilets with 24 hours Water Facility, Mother Feeding Rooms and Drinking Water Facilities
	<p><u>Response:</u> Chidambaram railway station has both pay & use toilets and prefabricated toilets with 24 hours water facility. Potable water supply is also available.</p> <p>Separate waiting hall for ladies is available at CDM railway station with drinking water. Separate partition will be provided for baby feeding wherever waiting halls are available. Efforts will be made to provide separate cubicle for baby feeding where waiting halls are not available, after studying the feasibility.</p>

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	Shri Su Thirunavukkarasar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tiruchchirappalli Constituency
1.0	Request for introduction of Day time express train between Tiruchchirappalli and Chennai Egmore
	<p><u>Response:</u> At present the following seven pairs of trains connect Tiruchchirappalli and Chennai Egmore during day time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. T.No.22671/22672 Chennai Egmore –Madurai Tejas Express 6 days a week. II. T.No.16795 /16796 Chennai Egmore –Trichy Cholan Express Daily. III. T.No.16127 / 16128 Chennai Egmore -Guruvayur Express Daily. IV. T.No.12635 / 12636 Chennai Egmore – Madurai Vaigai Express Daily. V. T.No.12605 /12606 Chennai Egmore –Karaikudi Pallavan Express Daily. VI. T.No.20481 / 20482 Baghat Ki Kothi – Trichy Weekly Express. VII. T.No.22631 / 22632 Bikaner – Madurai Weekly Express. <p>Due to terminal constraints at Chennai and Tiruchchirappalli it is not feasible to introduce one more train.</p>
2.0	Request for stoppage of trains at Ariyalur and resumption of train services suspended due to COVID-19 Pandemic
	<p><u>Response:</u> 14 Trains from Villupuram side and 13 Trains from Tiruchchirappalli side are provided with stoppage at Ariyalur.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23rd March 2020. However at present, 92.5% of Mail/Express trains owned by Southern Railway have resumed as specials. Passenger trains too are being resumed in a phased manner.</p>
3.0	Request for extension of New Delhi-Chennai Central GT Express Train upto Tiruchchirappalli via Villupuram-Mayiladuthurai (Main Line)
	<p><u>Response:</u> Extension of Train No.12615 / 12616 Chennai – New Delhi Grand Trunk express to Tiruchchirappalli is not feasible due to insufficient lie over time.</p>

4.0	Request to introduce New Express Train service between Tiruchchirappalli-Bangalore.
	<u>Response:</u> Timings for a new weekly train between Tiruchchirappalli and Baiyyappanahalli were finalised and communicated to Railway Board in February 2020.
5.0	Increase frequency of Silambu Express (16181/16182) from tri weekly to daily express train
	<u>Response:</u> Increase in frequency of Silambu express Train No.16181 / 16182 Chennai-Sengottai Express from Tri weekly to daily is not feasible due to terminal constrains at Chennai Egmore and as this train shares common path with other trains. However, timings for a new Tri weekly express between Tambaram – Sengottai via Tiruvarur & Karaikudi has been finalised and forwarded to Railway Board in the current year.
6.0	Request to operate Tiruchchirappalli-Kollam Express via Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Tiruchchirappalli is connected with Trivandrum and Kollam by 3 pairs of daily express trains. Due to congestion on the single line section between Virudhunagar and Thiruvananthapuram introduction of additional trains in this route is not feasible.
7.0	Request to extend Palakkad- Tiruchchirappalli Express upto Rameswaram via Pudukottai & Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.16843 / 16844 Tiruchchirappalli-Palghat Town Express is having primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli, hence its extension to Rameswaram is not feasible.
8.0	Request for DEMU train between Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai via Pudukottai, Karaikudi & Manamadurai.
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The route suggested by Hon'ble MP is 198.03Kms as against the shortest route of 160Kms between Tiruchchirappalli and Madurai.
9.0	Request for installation of RO Water Plant at the entrance of all platforms in the Tiruchchirappalli Junctions.
	<u>Response:</u> Potable drinking water is provided and checked regularly.

10.0	Early completion of installation of Escalator in Tiruchchirappalli Junction.
	<u>Response:</u> Escalators have been erected in Main Entrance, PF No.1, 2&3, 4&5, 6&7 and Rear Entrance at Tiruchchirappalli. The work of establishing connectivity between Escalator, Lift and Foot Over Bridge is under progress. All the escalators will be commissioned immediately once the civil work is completed by Feb.TDC-2022.
11.0	Request for exemption of senior citizens and physically handicapped persons from charging of fares for use of battery cars
	<u>Response:</u> Normally Battery operated cars are provided through Advertises/CSR/NGO and no charges are collected from the passengers for use of the same. Charges for use of Battery cars are collected only where it is provided on payment model and exemption of charges for Senior Citizen and Physically challenged and etc will be considered.
12.0	Preference to Vaigai, Rockfort, Pallavan, Tejas and Pandian Express for stoppage at Platform No.1
	<u>Response:</u> Platform Nomination is based on operation feasibility at that juncture. However, Hon'ble MP request is noted please.
13.0	To increase the display timing for train arrival and departure in the Display Boards.
	<u>Response:</u> The licensee of Rail Display Network (RDN) contract has been advised to increase the display timings for train arrival & Departure in the display boards.

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	Shri Ve. Vaithilingam Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Puducherry Constituency
1.0	Request for present status of the Rail link on the eastern coast from Chennai to Cuddalore via Puducherry.
	<u>Response:</u> Puducherry - Cuddalore Section is a part of Chennai Perungudi to Cuddalore via Mamallapuram Project which is kept in abeyance as per Railway Board advise.
2.0	Request to increase the frequency of passengers train between Puducherry and Villupuram.
	<u>Response:</u> At present 01 pair of passenger train (Train No.06025 / 06026 Chennai Egmore – Puducherry Unreserved express special) is running between Puducherry and Villupuram. The remaining trains will be operated in due course.
3.0	Yanam region of UT of Puducherry to be connected by Rail services and to extend Circar Express running between Chengalpattu and Kakinada upto Puducherry.
	<u>Response:</u> Extension of Train No.17643 / 17644 Kakinada – Chengalpet Express to Puducherry is operationally not feasible as the rakes of this train are integrated with Train No.17651 / 17652 Kacheguda – Chengalpet Express.
4.0	Request to initiate laying pit maintenance line to augment the services in the Puducherry Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Pit lines with sufficient capacity are available at Villupuram and Tiruchchirappalli in Tiruchchirappalli Division and at Tambaram and Chennai Egmore in Chennai Division, which will cater to the maintenance needs of trains from and to Puducherry for the present. However, provision of pit lines at Puducherry will be considered based on need.
5.0	Request to operate Puducherry-Mangalore Express at least thrice a week.
	<u>Response:</u> At present 02 weekly express trains (Train No. 16855 / 16856 and 16857 / 16858 Puducherry – Mangalore Expresses) provides connectivity between Puducherry and Mangalore. The Powers for operation of additional trains are vested with Railway Board.

6.0	Request to provide escalator in the Puducherry Railway Station to the benefit of elderly and physically challenged people.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Proposal for provision of Escalator facility at Puducherry Station was submitted to Railway Board and has not been sanctioned. However, the Escalator proposal for the same will be initiated for inclusion in Works Programme for the year 2022-23. Once the proposal is approved, the work will be executed without delay.</p> <p>Total 3 Nos. of lifts (one each in PF1, PF 2&3) and PF 4&5) are sanctioned and will be provided in due course.</p>
7.0	To open culvert, request to increase 100 feet road crossing near chainage 35/600 to avoid inundation of water on the upstream side residential area.
	<p><u>Response:</u> The work for widening of the bridge culvert is being done by TPJ Division. The RCC boxes have already been cast. The Box erection work will be taken up during January 2022. This is being done as part of deposit work from PDY State Government.</p>
8.0	Request status of Karaikal-Peralam Rail link.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Works are in progress. Revised Land Plan Schedule (LPS) was submitted for 2.03Ha to District Collector/Tiruvarur on 21/01/2021. After Joint inspection of Railways and Revenue authorities, LPS has been finalized and sent to District Collector / Tiruvarur on 12/08/2021. Proposal is under the administrative sanction of Commissioner, Land administration / Tamilnadu. Land acquisition proposal for 1.2Ha is being processed by Railways and will be submitted to the Government of Tamilnadu during September 2021. This project is likely to be completed by December 2023.</p>

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	Dr. M.K. Vishnu Prasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Arani Constituency
1.0	(i) Request for current status of Tindivanam-Nagari.
	<u>Response:</u> Land acquisition is in process. 32.52 Ha of Land has already been acquired out of 733.5 ha. Works completed in Walajah Road-Ranipet (6 km) Section and has been commissioned for goods traffic on 23.11.2020. Four out of 26 major bridges and 17 out of 200 minor bridges have been completed. Further, Works are held up due to Land acquisition. The ROR of the Project is (+) 1.29%. The sanctioned cost of the project is Rs.582.83 cr.
	(ii) Request for expeditious completion of work of Tiruvannamalai-Tindivanam new railway line project.
	<u>Response:</u> This project is kept under abeyance by Railway Board.
2.0	Request for subway in Tiruvannamalai-Katpadi main line.
	<u>Response:</u> Subway of size 3.00mx2.75m is only technically feasible at this location and the same is being processed in the Railway Works Programme for Railway Board's sanction.
3.0	Request for stoppage of train No.06027-06028 (Villupuram-Tambaram fast passenger) at Mylam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The stoppage for Train No.06027 / 06028(66055/56) Tambaram-Villupuram MEMU Passenger at Mailam has been recommended to Railway Board.
4.0	Request for installation of a Computer Reservation Counter in Polur Railway.
	<u>Response:</u> The present level of traffic does not justify a computer reservation counter at Polur Railway station.

5.0	Request to resume stoppage of Tirupati-Rameswaram Express train (16779-16780) at Polur.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.16779 / 16780 is stopping at Tiruvannamalai which is 31Kms from Polur. Provision of additional stoppages will slow down the train and increase the travel time for the passengers.
6.0	Request to extend Train No.66018 (Vellore Cantonment-Chennai Beach Passenger Train) upto Tiruvannamalai.
	<u>Response:</u> Extension of this service will be considered during high demand times such as the temple festival or any special event.
7.0	Request for stoppage of fast passenger train No.06027-06028 (Villupuram-Tambaram) at Mylam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The stoppage for Train No.06027 / 06028(66055/56) Tambaram-Villupuram MEMU Passenger at Mailam has been recommended to Railway Board.

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	Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
1.0	Request to run new train between Rameswaram and Bangalore via Pudukottai
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.
2.0	Daily train via Pudukottai to Kovai; the weekly Train No.16617 / 16618 (Coimbatore - Rameswaram Express) via Pudukottai should be converted to a daily train.
	<u>Response:</u> The rake of Train No.16617 / 16618 Rameswaram – Coimbatore Express is integrated with Train No.16613/16614 Coimbatore-Rajkot Express, hence increasing its frequency to daily is not feasible.
3.0	Request to extend Palakkad Town-Trichy Express upto Karaikudi or Rameswaram via Pudukottai.
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.16843 / 16844 Tiruchchirappalli-Palghat Town Express is having primary maintenance at Tiruchchirappalli, hence its extension to Karaikudi or Rameswaram is not feasible.
4.0	Request to run 'Silambu Express' (three times a week) train (No.06181/82) Chennai Egmore-Red Fort as daily or 5 days a week.
	<u>Response:</u> Increase in frequency of Silambu express Train No.16181 / 16182 Chennai Egmore–Sengottai express from Tri weekly to daily / 5 days a week is not feasible due to terminal constrains at Chennai Egmore.
5.0	Request for 2 minutes stoppage of Banaras, Ayodhi and Ajmir trains in Pudukottai.
	<u>Response:</u> The suggestion of the Hon'ble MP is noted. However it is to be mentioned that T.No.05120 Banaras-Rameswaram Express is provided with stoppage at Pudukottai.
6.0	Request to run DEMU train between Trichy-Madurai via Pudukottai and Karaikudi.
	<u>Response:</u> Powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board. The route suggested by Hon'ble MP is 198.03Kms as against the shortest route of 160Kms between Tiruchchirappalli and Madurai.

7.0	Request to convert Nagore-Kollam passenger train (6361/62) as Express Train and extend to Karaikal as Karaikal-Kollam Express.
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board
8.0	(i) Request for Digital Board at Pudukottai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Manual Coach indication boards will be provided on top priority. As recommended by Hon'ble MP, tender for the provision of Digital Coach indication boards at Pudukottai is under process.
	(ii) Request to take action to improve the basic facilities at Pudukottai Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Pudukkotai is an NSG5 category station and provided with all the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms. This station was developed under Adarsh Station Scheme and all the prescribed amenities under the scheme have been provided during 2012-13. In addition, following item /amenities have been provided at Pudukkotai Railway Station recently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 10 Nos of 10-Seater Stainless Steel Benches installed on PFs. (ii) A high Monumental Flag Mast duly hoisting Indian National Flag has been erected. (iii) Prefabricated Toilet complex (through CSR from NLC) has been constructed in the circulating area. <p>In addition, the Station has been provided with Cycle-Scooter-Car parking with an area of 300 Sqm.</p>
9.0	Request to convert Tiruchirappalli -Rameswaram Express Train (No.06849/50) as 'Fully Unreserved'.
	<u>Response:</u> Four 2S coaches of Train No.06849/50 Tiruchirappalli-Rameswaram-Tiruchchirappalli Express have been converted as 2S Unreserved w.e.f. 01.11.2021.
10.0	Request to construct a new line between Pudukottai to Kandarwarkottai.
	<u>Response:</u> Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Pudukkottai-Thanjavur via Gandarvakottai (71.72 km) was conducted and Survey Report was forwarded to Railway Board on 29.02.2016. ROR: (-) 8.274%. The Abstract Cost of the project is Rs.619.48 cr. This project was shelved by Railway Board.

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	Shri S. Selvaganabathy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Puducherry
4.0	To upgrade Railway Stations by utilizing Govt. of India allocated fund. What are all the amenities and development of infrastructure proposed under the scheme for Puducherry.
	<p><u>Response:</u> Puducherry is an 'NSG4' category station. All the Amenities have been provided at this Station as per norms except a shortfall of 2 Nos. of Water Coolers. This station has already been developed under Model, Modern and Adarsh Station Schemes and facilities prescribed under these schemes have been complied with.</p> <p>Puducherry station has also been identified for Redevelopment by Railway Board and the General manager / SR has accorded in Principle Approval for the Conceptual Planning Proposed by Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA).</p> <p>Following Facilities / Amenities are planned under Station Re-developmental project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New station building with world class amenities 2. New retiring rooms 3. Provision of escalator and lifts 4. Widening of FOB 5. Provision of wider circulating area 6. Provision of bus parking 7. Commercial development of 3.8 acres of Land.
5.0	<p>(i) To complete the Gauge Conversion work between Karaikal and Peralam by utilising the allotted fund.</p> <p>(ii) Is there any possibility to speed up the work and try to complete it as early as 2023 to enable passengers all over India to reach Thirunallar by train services.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Works are in progress. Revised Land Plan schedule was submitted for 2.03Ha to Revenue authorities. LPS has been finalised and sent to District Collector / Thiruvarur on 12/08/2021. Proposal is under the administrative sanction of Commissioner, Land administration / Tamilnadu. Land acquisition proposal for 1.2Ha is being processed by Railways and has been submitted to the Government of Tamilnadu during September 2021. This project is likely to be completed by December 2023.</p>

6.0	(i) Chennai-Cuddalore via Pondicherry.
	<u>Response:</u> Puducherry-Cuddalore Section is a part of Chennai Perungudi to Cuddalore via Mamallapuram Project which is kept in abeyance as per Railway Board D.O.Letter No.2019/W-1/Genl/Budget/1 dt.26.09.19.
	(ii) Chennai-Cuddalore via Mahabalipuram.
	<u>Response:</u> Chennai Perungudi to Cuddalore via Mamallapuram Project is kept in abeyance as per Railway Board D.O. Ieter No.2019/W-1/Genl/Budget/1 dated 26.09.2019.
7.0	To expedite and arrange to run more trains to Puducherry.
	<u>Response:</u> The Hon'ble MP's request is noted. New trains will be introduced on receipt of approval of from Railway Board.
8.0	Request to re-examine and set up a new Railway Station with all latest amenities considering the growth of passengers traffic in Puducherry.
	<u>Response:</u> The existing Puducherry station has been planned for redevelopment with all the modern / latest Amenities and fund allocation for such redevelopment is likely to be prioritized by Railway Board.
	<u>EXTENSION OF TRAIN SERVICES</u>
9.0	Request to extend Circar Express (Train No.17644/17643 – Kakinada Port-Chengalpattu) to Puducherry duly using 4th Platform which is under operational.
	<u>Response:</u> Extension of Train No.17643/17644 Kakinada-Chengalpattu Express to Puducherry is operationally not feasible as the rakes of this train are integrated with Train No.17651/17652 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu Express.
10.0	To connect Puducherry under pan-India Rail Sewa Service like other states i.e. Tamilnadu, Gujrat, Karnataka, Odisha, Assam, etc.
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for introduction of new trains including Seva trains are vested with Railway Board.

11.0	Change in days of operation of Train No.16861/16862 (Kanniyakumari-Puducherry Weekly Express).
	<u>Response:</u> The rakes of Train No.16861/16862 is integrated with Train No.22605/22606 Villupuram-Purullia Express. Hence change in days of operation is not feasible.
	<u>INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINS</u>
12.0	(i) Bi-weekly Express from Puducherry to Madurai to enable pilgrims to visit Madurai.
	(ii) Tri-weekly Train from Puducherry to Tiruchendur via Villupuram and Madurai.
	(iii) Jan Sadharn Train from Puducherry to Coimbatore.
	<u>Response:</u> The powers for introduction of new trains including Seva trains are vested with Railway Board.
13.0	To restore services of train No.56869/70 (Puducherry-Tirupati daily express).
	<u>Response:</u> Train No.56869/56870 (New No.16859/16860) Puducherry-Tirupati express will be resumed in due course.
14.0	To attach Pantry Car in Train No.22403/22404 (New Delhi to Puducherry Express).
	<u>Response:</u> Attachment of pantry car in a train is decided by railway board. Further, the Train No.22403/04 is owned by Northern Railway. Hon'ble MP suggestion has been taken note of for referring same to Northern Railway.
	<u>MAINTENANCE OF VILLIANUR RAILWAY STATION</u>
15.0	(i) Present condition of Villianur Railway station is in a dire state, as it is surrounded by shrubs, plants and small trees.
	<u>Response:</u> The growth of rank vegetation around the Station will be cleared post Monsoon.

	<p>(ii) Request to introduce police booth in Villianur Railway Station to ensure safety of passenger and to control rowdy elements who encroach the station and doing illegal activities.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Introduction of Police Booth at Villianur Railway Station can be done by Govt. of Pondicherry only. Villianur Railway Station comes under the jurisdiction of Pondicherry RPF Post. Due to manpower paucity, RPF Staff is being directed for picketing duty as and when required at Villianur Station. However, RPF of TPJ division will direct the Crime Intelligence Staff to keep watch over the activities of rowdy elements in coordination with local police concerned at Villianur Station to ensure the safety of passengers.</p>
	<p>(iii) To carry out vehicle parking facility in Villianur Railway Station.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Provision of vehicle parking facility at Villianur is being explored taking into account the space available.</p>
	<p>(iv) To issue ticket round the clock at Villianur Railway Station.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u> Vallianur is a Halt station. Halt agent is engaged to issue pre-printed unreserved tickets during the stoppage of the trains at this station.</p>

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	Shri M. Shanmugam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
1.0	<u>Papanasam Railway Station</u>
	(i) Platform fencing work incomplete in Papanasam Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> Platform fencing work will be taken up and completed by March 2022.
	(ii) Platform work to be taken up in Eastern Sector in Papanasam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> Tender opened on 25/10/2021 for extending platform by 100 meters and is under finalization. Work will be completed by May 2022.
	(iii) Coach Display Board – incomplete work – Not yet operationalised in Papanasam Railway Station.
	<u>Response:</u> The contract has been awarded for providing comprehensive digital information system with commercial advertisements. Display will be commenced shortly.
	(iv) Approach road to the Railway Station in very bad condition and unsafe in Papanasam Railway Station
	<u>Response:</u> Approach road improvement work will be taken up in zonal contract and completed by March 2022.
2.0	VIP Lounge in Kumbakonam Railway Station is very unsatisfactory.
	<u>Response:</u> The furniture for VIP lounge has been refurbished. Improvement works will be done before March 2022.
3.0	Request to extend any one of the trains from Hyderabad to Chennai upto Kanyakumari via Madurai
	<u>Response:</u> Train No. 12760/59 Hyderabad – Tambaram – Hyderabad Express, Train No. 17652/51 Kacheguda – Chengalpattu – Kacheguda Express and Train No. 12604/12603 Hyderabad – MGR Chennai Central – Hyderabad Express run in integrated links. All these three trains are well patronized and the lie-over time available for these trains is not sufficient for their extension to Kannyakumari.

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	Shri Tiruchi Siva, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
1.0	<p>Introducing a new train service between Tiruchchirappalli and Chennai Egmore stations via Mainline section Thajavur, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai and Villuppuram stations during day time.</p> <p>Presently, Southern Railway operates only one day train service (Train No.06795/06796-Cholan Express) between Tiruchchirappalli and Chennai Egmore stations through Mainline section, which is not able to cater to the need of the travelling public living in the section. Moreover, the Cholan Express is a fully reserved train, which has more number of Air conditioned sleeper coaches, Non-AC sleeper class coaches and less number of ordinary second class coaches. Also, the train timing of the Cholan Express is not suitable for the Mainline section people to reach Chennai. It is a long pending demand of people of the delta districts to operate an intercity day train without any reserved coaches, comprising only second-class sitting coaches suitably to reach the Capital before noon.</p> <p>So, I request the Southern Railway through this letter to initiate steps for introduction of a fully unreserved Intercity Express Train during day time, which may be duly leaving Trichy Junction at 7.00 am and reaching the Chennai- Egmore Station around 1300 hours and the same train may leave the Chennai Egmore station at 13.30 and reach Trichy junction at 21.00 hours.</p> <p>The train service will be useful for the traders, students' community, and job seeking youths etc., to reach Chennai during day time.</p>
	<p><u>Response:</u></p> <p>The request of the Hon MP for introduction of a new Intercity Express between Chennai Egmore and Tiruchchirappalli via Mayiladuthurai is noted. The powers for introduction of new trains are vested with Railway Board.</p> <p>Train No.06795 / 06796 Chennai Egmore- Tiruchchirappalli- Chennai Egmore Cholan Express specials provide day time connectivity between Chennai Egmore and Tiruchchirappalli. Train No. 06795 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchchirappalli Cholan Express special has been speeded up by 30 minutes and will arrive Tiruchchirappalli at 14:45hrs. Similarly in the return direction, Train No.06796 Tiruchchirappalli - Chennai Egmore Cholan express has been speeded by up 35 minutes and will reach Chennai Egmore at 17:30hrs.</p> <p>These revised timings will come in to force from 01.12.2021.</p>
