

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2790
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

DAILY SERVICE OF SILAMBU SUPERFAST EXPRESS

2790. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined my representations 24/141/GOI/TN/001220250571 seeking the conversion of Train No. 20681/20682, Silambu Superfast Express, into a daily service;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the said representations;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has assessed the passenger demand and operational feasibility for converting the train into a daily service; and**
- (d) if so, the proposed timeline for making Train No. 20681/20682 a daily service, and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) The issue pertaining to the increase in frequency of tri-weekly service of 20681/20682 Tambaram–Sengottai Silambu Express has been examined.

At present, Tambaram - Sengottai sector is served by the 4 pairs of train services as under:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	12661/12662 Chennai Egmore - Sengottai Express (daily)
2	16101/16102 Tambaram - Kollam Express (daily)
3	20681/20682 Tambaram - Sengottai Silambu Express (Tri-weekly)

4	20683/20684 Tambaram - Sengottai Express (Tri-weekly)
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These also include the daily services of 12661/12662 Chennai Egmore - Sengottai Express and 16101/16102 Tambaram - Kollam Express which are catering to the needs of passengers of the said sector.

Further, from the Tambaram end, 20681 Tambaram–Sengottai Silambu Express (via Villupuram - Vriddhachalam - Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikkudi) and 20683 Tambaram–Sengottai Express (via Villupuram - Mayiladuturai - Thiruvarur - Karaikkudi) are together providing services on 6 days of a week on end-to end basis.

Similarly, in the return direction i.e. from the Sengottai end, 20682 Sengottai-Tambaram Silambu Express (via Villupuram - Vriddhachalam - Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikkudi) and 20684 Sengottai-Tambaram Express (via Villupuram - Mayiladuturai - Thiruvarur - Karaikkudi) are together providing services on 6 days of a week on end-to end basis, as under:

Train no. and Name	Days of operation from Tambaram
20681 Tambaram–Sengottai Express	Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
20683 Tambaram–Sengottai Express	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays

Train no. and Name	Days of operation from Sengottai
20682 Sengottai-Tambaram Express	Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays
20684 Sengottai-Tambaram Express	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Besides, increase in frequency of train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include-

- **Capacity of that section.**
- **Availability of path.**

- **Availability of required rolling stock.**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock.**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**
