

Regarding need for additional train services and upgradation of railway infrastructure at Salem Junction Railway Station in Tamil Nadu-Laid

SHRI T. M. SELVAGANAPATHI (SALEM): Salem is an important division of Southern Railway and this division itself was created owing to the need of Salem and the jurisdiction under it as it was having many eligibility criteria. However, the Salem junction which is the headquarter of Salem division does not have the proper infrastructure yet, resulting in difficulties to thousands of passengers coming to this junction for boarding or deboarding the trains. The population of Salem and its surrounding areas has increased manifold, requiring new trains to commence from Salem to many places, and it can be possible only if a pitline is established of required capacity. Salem junction requires many more infrastructures like creation of new platforms, expansion of ticket booking facilities and other passenger amenities such as escalators, drinking water facilities, etc. in addition to expansion of parking facilities in and around the junction. I urge upon the Minister of Railways to look into these issues and take immediate action to ensure that Salem Division gets its due share of development. By doing so, not only passengers get relief, but also the Railways will be benefited from the angle of revenue earning and creation of assets in the larger interest of passengers.