

Seventeenth Loksabha

Title: Restoration of Stoppage of Train at Sivakasi

***m01 *SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR):** Hon Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Sivakasi is called as Kutty Japan or the Mini Japan. Crackers industry, matchbox industry and printing industry have their production in international standards in my Sivakasi constituency. But after the Modi Ji led Government came to power, Sivakasi has been neglected. In a sense, it is true. How I will explain? Chennai Egmore-Kollam Express (Train No 6101) had a stoppage in Sivakasi till the year 2016. But this Modi led Government came to power there is no stoppage for this train at Sivakasi. There is no new train service in this route. In this scenario, if the stoppage of a particular train is also stopped. It is utter negligence shown by Modi Government. Condemning the non-stoppage of this Train No 6101 in Sivakasi, I met the then Hon Minister of Railways Shri Pisyush Goyal on 21 September 2021 and requested for stoppage of Chennai Egmore-Kollam Express Train in Sivakasi. It is almost one year since then. During April 2022, I met Hon Union Minister of Railways Shri Vaishnaw and requested him to fulfill the same demand. There is no relief. I am once again placing the same demand in this august House. Kollam Express should have a stoppage in Sivakasi. Otherwise, on 22 September 2022, I myself will lead a 'rail roko' agitation obstructing the passage of trains in this route. There is no other solution. Sivakasi is being neglected. Modi Government is continuously neglecting Sivakasi. This should be stopped. Thank you. Vanakkam.