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Title: Regarding resumption of direct train service between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai on daily basis.

SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): There is a demand by large number of public for direct train connection between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai. Tiruvannamalai Railway Station in Tamil Nadu is 125 years old. The passenger train from Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai was running till 2007 on narrow gauge. The work relating to conversion of narrow gauge to broad gauge commenced in the year 2007 which temporarily disrupted the railway connectivity to Tiruvannamalai. After completion of conversion of railway track, the daily passenger train which was operating between Tambaram to Tiruvannamalai has not been restored. The Ministry of Railway is not taking any concrete step in this regard till now. Needless to reiterate that the Temple city of Tiruvannamalai attracts lakhs of visitors for Darshan of Lord Arunachaleswarar and Girivalam. Hon'ble Railway Minister, may, therefore, take necessary action to resume daily direct train between Chennai to Tiruvannamalai without any delay.