

Regarding extension of services of Cheran Express to Pollachi-laid

SHRI ESWARASAMY K. (POLLACHI): I would like to bring to the attention of the Government to address an urgent issue of significant importance in my Pollachi constituency regarding the need to extend the Cheran Express train service, which currently operates between Chennai Central and Coimbatore Junction (train numbers 12673 and 12674), to Pollachi. Pollachi is a rapidly growing commercial and agricultural hub in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore district, without direct rail connectivity to the state capital, Chennai. This lack of direct service forces thousands of daily commuters to travel from Pollachi to Coimbatore before continuing to Chennai, resulting in significant inconvenience, time loss, and added travel costs. This absence hampers Pollachi's economic growth and complicates the efficient transport of goods and access to markets. Students, patients, senior citizens, and other travellers face undue hardships due to this connectivity gap. Extending the Cheran Express to Pollachi would boost the region's economic development and also greatly improve the quality of life for its residents by providing seamless connectivity to Chennai and beyond. Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to take immediate action to extend this much-needed train service, which will go a long way in serving the interests of the people of Pollachi and the surrounding region.