

**Regarding introduction of daily direct Intercity Express Train between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai**

**SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI):** Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

The temple city of Tiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu is famous for Lord Shiva Temple. More than one lakh domestic as well as foreign tourists visit the said temple everyday for darshan and *girivalam* but the rail infrastructure to this place is yet to be modernised. This place has huge potential for revenue generation from religious tourism, which is affected due to absence of daily direct intercity express train facility between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai.

I again request hon. Union Railway Minister to introduce a daily direct intercity express train between Chennai and Tiruvannamalai for larger public interest.  
Thank you.