

**Need to take measures to increase the height of platforms of railway stations in Thoothukkudi Parliamentary Constituency through which Pearl City Express is enrooted-laid**

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I have already raised the demand through letters for increasing the heights and extension of platforms in many stations of my constituency. Still, some of them are pending. The platforms at Kovilpatti, Kadambur, Maniyachi, Tuti Melur, Thoothukkudi, Kayalpattinam, Nazareth and Thathankulam railway stations have not been modified.

It is creating a lot of inconvenience and safety issues for passengers while boarding and deboarding, especially the elderly and differently-abled persons. Even recently the passengers travelling in the Pearl City Express faced issues in safe boarding and deboarding at the Thoothukkudi railway station.

Therefore, I request the Government to take measures to increase the platform height in the Kovilpatti, Kadambur, Maniyachi, Tuti Melur, and Thoothukkudi railway station through which the Pearl City Express passes. I would also request the Government to sanction for the extension and raising of platforms in Nazareth and Thathankulam railway stations respectively.