

Regarding introduction of Vande Bharat Express between Tirupati and Vishakhapatnam

SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY (TIRUPATI): Madam, I would like to bring to your attention several railway developmental issues in my Parliamentary constituency.

Firstly, establishing a third railway line between Renigunta and Gudur is essential to ease the current congestion in the railway traffic. There is a dire need for early completion of the Pudi-Yerpedu railway line. I would also like to request the hon. Minister to restore the train stoppages at Vendodu, Naidupeta, and Sullurupeta, which were suspended after COVID-19 came.

Additionally, the widening of the underpass near Ambedkar Nagar in Gudur is very essential to decrease the traffic bottlenecks in Gudur town.

Thirdly, introduction of a Vande Bharat sleeper train between Tirupati and Visakhapatnam is very much needed for pilgrim traffic. Moreover, the new train services connecting Tirupati with Varanasi and Ayodhya will meet the rising demand of pilgrims.

Lastly, regular MEMU services connecting Tirupati, Nellore and Kadapa are much needed. This is because there are seven industrial SEZs. So, it will be very helpful for my Parliamentary constituency.

Thank you, Madam.