

Need for introduction of Vande Bharat Express on the route from Chennai to Rameshwaram

DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD (CUDDALORE): Hon Chairman Sir, There are several railway junctions in my Cuddalore parliamentary constituency. There are railway stations in places like Cuddalore, Virudhachalam, Panruti and Pennadam. Vande Bharat train between Chennai and Rameswaram is an important train. Rameswaram is an important place in Tamil Nadu. Therefore Vande Bharat train between Chennai and Rameswaram should be operated by the Railway Ministry through our Cuddalore area. This train should pass through Viluppuram, Panruti, Cuddalore, Mayiladuthurai, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur and Trichy. Moreover, a new railway line should be laid between Chennai and Cuddalore. This railway project was approved in the year 2007. But it has not been implemented since then. I request that a train service should be operated from Perungudi via Mahabalipuram and Puducherry to Cuddalore. Besides, Pallavan Express, Vaigai Express, Pearl City Express and Rockfort Express trains should have stoppages at Pennadam railway station. Chennai-Nagercoil Vande Bharat train should have stoppages at Virudhachalam railway station. Madurai Express train, Mannargudi Express train should have stoppages in Cuddalore railway junction. Puducherry-Bengaluru weekly once train should be operated on daily basis. Hon Chairman Sir, Finally, Trichy-Tiruvananthapuram Intercity Express is an important one. I urge that this train service should be extended upto Cuddalore. Trichy-Trivandrum Express train should run via Ariyalur, Virudhachalam and Neyveli upto Cuddalore. Cuddalore is an area where we have large number of students, farmers and labourers. I urge upon the Hon Railway Minister through you that in order to fulfill their needs these demands raised by me should be fulfilled.

Thank you.