

Need to include Sivakasi Railway Station in Tamil Nadu under Atmanirbhar Bharat Station Scheme.-laid

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): I strongly urge the Ministry of Railways to include Sivakasi Railway Station, located in my Virudhunagar Parliamentary Constituency, under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Station Scheme. Sivakasi is not only a key town in Tamil Nadu but also a national industrial hub, well known for its fireworks, printing, and match industries. These industries serve as a backbone for local employment and national exports. However, the current condition of the Sivakasi Railway Station does not reflect the economic significance of the region. It lacks basic modern infrastructure, passenger amenities, and facilities for smooth freight handling. The Atmanirbhar Bharat Station Scheme is a visionary initiative to transform railway stations into modern, world-class transit hubs. Sivakasi deserves to be part of this scheme, both to serve its high passenger footfall and to support the logistical needs of its industries. Upgrading Sivakasi Railway Station will improve not only passenger comfort and safety but also stimulate local economic growth, attract investments, and create jobs. I therefore request the Hon?ble Minister of Railways to prioritize this demand and initiate the process of including Sivakasi Railway Station under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Station redevelopment programme.