

Regarding need to provide railway connectivity, infrastructure and passenger amenities in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu-Laid

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): I wish to draw urgent attention to the long-pending and repeatedly neglected railway demands of the people of Kanyakumari district. Despite continuous appeals from public representatives, commuters, and local bodies, the region continues to face severe gaps in connectivity, infrastructure, and passenger amenities. Kanyakumari and Nagercoil two of the most important stations in South Tamil Nadu are still awaiting new train services, especially long-distance trains to major metros. The public has been consistently demanding special festival trains for Christmas, New Year, and Pongal, yet these requests remain unaddressed year after year, causing enormous hardship to thousands of travellers. The doubling works in the district, particularly on vital stretches, are progressing at an unacceptably slow pace. Early completion is essential to decongest traffic, improve punctuality, and enhance safety. Basic amenities at both stations including seating, platform shelters, waiting halls, and sanitation are far below the expectations of the travelling public. Widen of approach roads at all the stations. Sir, these demands have been pending for far too long. Adequate funds must be allocated immediately, and all works must be taken up in a war-footing manner to fulfil the legitimate expectations of the people of Kanyakumari district.