

Regarding need to allocate funds for providing basic railway services at Palayamkottai Railway Station in Tamil NaduLaid

SHRI ROBERT BRUCE C. (TIRUNELVELI): Palayamkottai in Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency is the twin city of Tirunelveli and is widely known as the Oxford of South India for its numerous educational institutions which are more than 100 years old. Palayamkottai Railway Station, opened more than 75 years ago is still devoid of basic necessities such as drinking water, toilet facilities, multi modal transit connect facilities etc, affecting tourists, daily commuters such as Office Goers and Students, especially women. Even today, the railway station is functioning under a small shed covering just a small portion of the platform, leaving commuters at the mercy of the elements. Adequate seating facilities are not available at the railway station, severely affecting senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Such lack of amenities is itself against the railway norms for providing Minimum Essential Amenities to NSG 6 category stations. I call upon the Union Government to allocate adequate funds and undertake necessary development work for the establishment of Minimum Essential Amenities at the earliest at Palayamkottai Railway Station.