

Title: Need to provide halt of Navjeeewan Express at Sullurpet, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. N. VENKATASWAMY (TIRUPATI): Sir, Sullurpet is an internationally known Satellite Launching Centre. It is 12 kms from Sullurpet main town, which is in between Chennai and Gudur in Andhra Pradesh. Many scientists working in this Centre come from all parts of the country, mainly from Gujarat. Navjeeewan Express is the only train, which is having direct link between Gujarat and Tamil Nadu *via* many other States. As it is already mentioned, Sullurpet is situated in between at about 70 kms. from Gudur and 80 kms. from Chennai. Scientists/staff members working at SHAR Centre are either to get down at Gudur and to travel 70 kms. by road or 80 kms. back from Chennai to reach the place. The inconvenience is being felt by more than 12,000 personnel who are working at SHAR Centre. There is an imperative need to have one minute stoppage of Navjeeewan Express at Sullurpet.

I urge upon the Union Government to see that Navjeeewan Express stops at Sullurpet.